

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“My horse, My horse, My kingdom for a horse” King Richard III, on foot, running from his killers, as quoted by William Shakespeare

President **TAD LARRABEE** rang the bell to call the meeting to order at 10 a.m. **RICK HOLZ** led the assembly in the pledge. **GERRY SCHWENDEMAN**, with **JIM SANTORA** at the Steinway, conducted us in *America the Beautiful, It Had to Be You and All Day, All Night, Marianne.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PETER UHRY introduced Rosemary Benedict who shared plans for the St. Catherine's Senior Group travels, which the RMA members are welcome to sign up for.

JEFF JUNKER has officially been named our new Assistant Treasurer.

Returnees: **JOHN AWDZIEWICZ** has returned from a cruise in the Caribbean.

Program: **PETER UHRY** told us that **Victor** and **Benoit Ansart** would describe *Winning the Clipper Sailing Race Around the World.*

BOB RIMMER announced next week's speakers will be **Peter Bernstein**, chairman of the Board of Education of Greenwich Public Schools, and **Ralph Mayo**, Interim Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools to discuss *How School is Different in the 21st Century.* They will be joined by principals Marc D'Amico, Glenville School, Jill Flood, North Street School, and Jason Goldstein, Eastern Middle School, to further discuss return on investment and students owning their own learning.

MEMBERSHIP

HORST TEBBE announced the low figure in attendance today as 87 members and one guest, Keith Roe g/o **RUSS HARDEN** and **ROBERT CLARKE**.

Volunteers: **RUSS HARDEN** announced there were 434 hours reported by 30 members and 85 hours by 18 members.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Bridge: **FRANK LEE** reported that **ANDRZEJ MASUREK** was top man with 4190, followed by **PETER STERN** with 2640 and **KURT SCHAFFIR** with 2300.

Tennis: **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** reported that **TOM WEST** and **RON FRIEDMAN** won on court #1 with **BILL FAKUNDINY** and **GEOFFREY BURGE** winning on court #2.

Hearts: **ANDY HOLMES** reported that Table #1: Game 1 was won by **GEORGE DIPPY** and Game 2 was won by **CHARLES GRAVES**. Table #2: **GRANT PERKINS** won both games 1 and 2. Table #3: Game 1 was won by **DON CONWAY** and Game 2 was won by **RICK HOLZ**.

Tai Chi: **BOB RIMMER** and **GEOFFREY BURGE** said that it improves body balance for a meager investment of one hour per week in class and it makes a big difference.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 canceled. The contact person is listed for each event.

Elmsford Dinner Theater, *Ain't Misbehavin': Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019.* Lunch at the theater, \$95pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 10:00 am, Status: 2 openings. Contact **ABBEY SMOLER** 203-531-0236.

Bush Holly House Museum: Thursday, March, 28. Buffet with wine, \$25pp. 10:00am, self-drive. Status; 35 openings. Contact **HOLLISTER STURGES** 203 861-2279.

The Cloisters: Thursday, May 2, Bus departs St Catherine's 9 AM cost \$105 includes lunch at the new Leaf Café Contact **HOLLISTER STURGES** 203-861-2279.

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Benoit and Victor Ansart described *Winning the Clipper Sailing Race Around the World.* Benoit is a member of the Old Greenwich and the Riverside Yacht Clubs. They spent 11 months sailing around the world. Benoit, with a heavy French accent (without

subtitles) did most of the talking. This race is the only non-professional Round the World race. The standard specified design is a 70-foot mono-hull. They employ a crew of from 18 to 22 men and women. Their craft crew represented no fewer than 13 nations. Their course started and finished in the UK, through the Panama Canal, across the Pacific, with waves up to 50 feet high tipping them sometimes at a 45-degree angle, soaking the crew. They sailed between Tasmania and Australia, north of China and then east to Seattle, south through the Panama Canal again, and across the Atlantic ending back in Liverpool to a large throng of people applauding them for having come in first in the Race. They had been 222 days at sea.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Peter Bernstein, Chairman of the Board of Education of Greenwich, will lead a discussion pertaining to *How School is Different in the 21st Century*