



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"All Is well that ends well"*

Proverbs

President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** rang the bell promptly at 10:00am. We pledged allegiance to our flag, then sang "America the Beautiful," "Don't Fence Me In," and "Tea for Two," ably assisted by **BOB MORGAN** at the Steinway. **TOM HEALY** told a droll story about a lady's hold on to a saddle --- which did not turn out to be a saddle after all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MICHAEL AMBROSINO** said that **RALPH VIGGIANO** had a procedure at the hospital yesterday to remove almost a gallon of water from his lung. **RALPH** is requesting no visitors currently. In addition, **MICHAEL** informed us that **BILL FEATHERSTON** did require multiple stitches resulting from his fall during last week's Platform Tennis fall. He is doing well, and he received an ovation from the membership.

**BOB RIMMER** told us that today's speaker would be Dr. Alan Barry, Ph.D.

**MICHAEL AMBROSINO** extended an offer for RMA fleeces while they last and **PETER UHRY** offered RMA hats, please contact them if you are interested. **PETER UHRY** went on to introduce next week's speaker as Katie DeLuca on "The Future Plan of Conservation and Development" for the town of Greenwich.

**TONY COCCHI** informed us of the upcoming **ROMEO Luncheon**. It will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM at Zody's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. Cost is \$28.00 pp.

**HORST TEBBE** announced that there were 102 members in attendance, two candidates for induction and one guest, Bertrand Froundeville, G/O **ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN**.

Inductees: James Kingsley, sponsored by **JOE MANCINELLI** and **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**. Jim lived most of his life in Connecticut, living 35 years in Madison CT. He was involved with Corporate Recognition for 25 years at which time he sold his business and moved to Stamford

to be closer to his family. He enjoys reading non-fiction books, including biographies and military history.

**JIM FISHBEIN** introduced Brian Mahoney, with **STEVE BOIES** acting as co-sponsor. Brian and wife Margret share five children and three grandchildren. He had a successful corporate career working in sales and product management for IBM and Oracle. He is active in Reading Partners, a Stamford organization providing reading assistance to elementary school children. **JIM KINGSLEY** and **BRIAN MAHONEY** were both voted into the RMA with a resounding AYE!

Birthdays: **GRANVILLE BURGESS**, 73, **DAVE CRYSTAL**, 82, **HAROLD FROST**, 86, **CHARLIE GRAVES**, 85 AND **EARLE COTE**, 92. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The next Special Event is the Open Rehearsal of the NY Philharmonic set for March 12, 2020. **GERRY LESSUK** advised that all places were taken. Those who are interested in the possibility of attending should get their names placed on the Wait List by contacting **GERRY** at 203-698-9451.

**JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** announced that **DICK RADCLIFF** passed away about 2 weeks ago. **JERRY** is seeking someone who knew **DICK** well and would like to give him a memorial or a reading of his obituary at a future meeting.

**MICHAEL AMBROSINO** announced that on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a bus trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, for the induction day which will include Derek Jeter. Details will follow.

**GRANT PERKINS** announced volunteer hours for the week ending February 12<sup>th</sup>: Outside hours totaled 338 hours by 35 members, inside hours totaled 196 hours by 30 members.

**PETER STERN** informed us that **GEOFFREY BURGE** is the new Chairman of the Volunteer Committee with **JOHN FEBLES** as the new Vice Chairman. Thank You, **GEOFFREY** and **JOHN!**

### **FUN AND GAMES**

**BRIDGE: RON FREIDMAN** presented the Bridge results, stating that there were five players. First place was **TONY COCCHI** with 3470, second place was **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** and third place went to **MARTIN WAINE**.

**HEARTS: JACK SWEGER** brought us up to speed on the Hearts activities. There were 12 players at three tables. Table #1 winners were **JACK WEIR** and **TONY GRAHAM**. Table #2 had both games being won by **DON CONWAY**. Moon shots were made by **TOM HEALY** and **JOHN KNIGHT**. Table #3 played three games, all of which were won by **PETER BERG**. They also had four moon shots, all of which were made by, who else, **PETER BERG!**

TENNIS: **BILL HOWLAND** served up the results with winners on Court #1 as **GEOFFREY BURGE** and **PETER ORBANOWSKI**. Court #2 winners were **MARK GEIMER** and **ANDY HOLMES**.

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

**HOLLISTER STURGES** and **BOB RIMMER** introduced today's speaker as Dr. Alan Barry Ph.D. Greenwich's Commissioner of Human Resources. His topic was "Safety Net to Self Sufficiency Narrowing the Wealth Gap." He spoke of income inequality stating that the top 10% of people in our country hold more wealth than the lower 90% combined. The Greenwich Human Resources Department deals with housing, shelter, food, clothing and financial assistance for those who qualify and live in Greenwich. They also deal with home care for disabled clients. Our own **ALAN GUNZBURG** is Vice President, reporting to Dr. Barry, who indicated that the poverty rate in Greenwich is 6% and that it is highest among African Americans, about 12%. He stated that the middle class in the United States has been "hollowed out."

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

Next week's speaker will be Katie De Luca, the Town of Greenwich Planner. She will discuss the "Town Plan for Conservation and Development."

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## RMA 2020 Calendar

<b>Weekly Repetitive Activities</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Beginner	Greenwich Sr. Center
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Platform Tennis	Loughlin Ave. Courts, Cos Cob
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00 am	RMA Weekly Meeting	First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam Ave., Greenwich CT
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Hearts	Greenwich Civic Ctr. 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Advanced	Greenwich Sr. Center
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Bridge	Greenwich YMCA
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Various TBD
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00 pm	Indoor Tennis	Old Greenwich Tennis Academy
<b>RMA Special Events</b>			
February 24	1:00 pm	ROMEO Luncheon	Zody's 19 <sup>th</sup> Hole
March 12	8:00 am	Open Rehearsal NY Philharmonic	Lincoln Center, NYC
April 23 or 30	8:00 am	South Pacific	Goodspeed Opera House
July 26	To Be Announced	Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Trip	Cooperstown, NY
December 7	To Be Announced	West Point vs. Air Force	West Point, NY