

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"I've learned that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand."

Andy Rooney

Following a pre-meeting informative discussion focused on the merits of Apple security versus that of Microsoft's Windows, President **RUSS HARDEN** opened the meeting by introducing the Melody Men's rendition of the RMA anthem. **RUSS** then turned to **DON CONWAY**, who led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** welcomed storyteller **BOB LUCE**, who told a tale of three priests from Pittsburgh trying to buy train tickets to return home from New York City, but were too distracted by the beauty of the ticket seller to state their need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARNOLD GORDON wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day, reminding them that this is the date in 461a.d. that he died. Other notable events on this date were also mentioned: 1992 - 69% of South Africa's white population voted to dismantle Apartheid; 1969 - Golda Meir, known as the Iron Lady of Israel politics, was elected as the 4th Prime Minister of Israel; 1917 one of the all-time great musicians, Nat King Cole, was born; and lastly, 1905 - Eleanor Roosevelt, niece of Teddy Roosevelt married her distant cousin, FDR.

JERRY SCHWENDEMAN thanked the Nominating Committee for its efforts in putting together a slate of candidates for the upcoming election and noted the slate and the election process was sent via email to all members.

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If you have any questions, please contact **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** at jerryschwendeman@yahoo.com or 203-622-9205 or **TAD LARRABEE** at tadlarra@optonline.net or 203-637-4023.

TOM HEALY indicated a need for a pianist to supplement **BOB MORGAN** as pianist for the Melody Men.

HORST TEBBE said there is a need for help in videotaping speaker presentations and editing them for the RMA web site. If interested, contact **HORST**.

TOM MCGUIRE noted that Call-a-Ride has a need for drivers. If interested, please call Call-a-Ride.

TONY COCCHI announced the ROMEO group is planning for their first event after we "re-open", hopefully sometime this Spring. Our current thinking is a "bring your own" lunch at Greenwich Point. It would likely be on a Thursday so that the "Walking" group can join the event. Please send your interest or comments to **TONY COCCHI** at Anthony.Cocchi@Lehman.cuny.edu or discuss it with him or **JACK WEIR, DON ROTZIEN** or **BILL FEATHERSTON**.

Membership Chair, **PETER STERN**, noted 75 members and 3 guests in attendance. Guests: Eric Zitzmann, guest of **JAN MEYER & PETER SCHIEFERDECKER**; Lou Rupnik, guest of **MICHAEL AMBROSINO & PETE UHRY**; Joe Angland, guest of **JERRY POLLACK & PETER BERG**.

PETER introduced **JAN MEYER**, who nominated Steve Scheraga for membership in the RMA:

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PETER UHRY seconded his nomination and **STEVE SCHERAGA** was unanimously elected to our membership.

Treasurer **JEFF JUNKER** reported there is little activity in the checking account. He has been working through the mail with **ANDY HOLMES**, as he sets up the next indoor tennis league at the Old Greenwich Tennis Academy and **JEFF** met with **DON CONWAY & MAURICE KROHN** of the Special Events committee to write up a procedure to guide leaders in planning and scheduling future special events to be sponsored by the RMA.

PROGRAM

BOB RIMMER said today's speaker will be Mark Nunan, Ph.D., who will offer a webinar on "Robert Moses Master Builder – Political Master of New York."

BOB PHILLIPS noted that next week's speaker will be Captain Jay Dirnberger, whose topic will be "Dedication to Duty: Recollections of a Vietnam Veteran Huey Helicopter Pilot."

FUN AND GAMES

Hearts: **DON CONWAY** reported that on March 16, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO, GRANT PERKINS, JACK SWEGER** and **TOM HEALY** played four games. **TOM** won 2 games and had 3 moon shots. **JACK** and **GRANT** each won one game, and each had one moon shot.

On March 12, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO, TOM HEALY, DON CONWAY,** and **TOM MORRONEY** played five games. **TOM H** and **TOM M** won 1.5 games each (a tie); **MICHAEL** won 2 games and **DON** won 1 game. **TOM H** and **MICHAEL** each had 2 moon shots.

Walkers: **TAD LARRABEE** said the RMA walkers finally got back to enjoying nature with early spring weather hinting about warmer temperatures to come. Instead of pavement and sidewalks to avoid ice and snow, we walked in the Mianus River Park and had another very enjoyable walk with a bit more mud than anticipated along with small patches of ice we could walk around. We covered 3.7 miles with much good conversation along the way. Everyone was a winner - although we don't keep score!

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** suggested members can claim Tai Chi benefits through the Tai Chi Movement Plan, supported by The Harvard Medical School, Mayo Clinic, and the Cleveland Clinic. Harvard states, "Helps with muscle strength, flexibility, balance and aerobic conditioning." Join the Tai Chi gathering Wednesdays 3:00. For more information contact **WILL MORRISON** at wdmorrison@gmail.com or visit:

experiencetaichi.org

Pickleball: **TONY COCCHI** reported there were 6 players last Monday on a cold and windy day. It was challenging trying to deal with the wind effects on the very lite pickleball... but it was fun. Pickleball is played on Mondays at 1PM at Christiano field. If you are interested, contact **TONY COCCHI** at Anthony.Cocchi@Lehman.cuny.edu.

Bridge: **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** provided the Bridge scores: **ED MASTOLONI** 6260, **RON FRIEDMAN** 5890, **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** 4550. **ANDRE** and **TONY** bid and won a 6NT Slam for 2060 points.

Tennis: **ANDRZEJ** also served up the results for tennis: Opening round winners were **BRIAN MAHONY** with **DON BRIESMEISTER** and **ANDREZEJ** with **SAM MARASSO**. Final round winners: Court 1, **ANDRE** with **DON** and on Court 2, **PETER ORBANOWSKI** with **PETER DODGE**.

TODAYS SPEAKER

BOB RIMMER introduced today's speaker, Mark Nunan, Ph.D., who offered members a recollection of the life and times of Robert Moses, who Doctor Nunan described as a master builder and political master of New York during the first half of the 20th century. It would appear from Dr. Nunan's presentation that there was no one during that period who had a greater impact on the growth of New York City and State. While Moses was not an engineer, he was responsible for the design of much of the infrastructure and amenities of NYC and surrounding areas. Working with and for the important political leaders of his time, such as Al Smith, Belle Moskowitz and Fiorello LaGuardia, and taking on multiple jobs concurrently, Moses created parkways and parks, stadiums and power plants, housing projects and major bridges that opened New York City dwellers to better living conditions and access to Long Island and contributed to improved traffic flow in the city. Not all of his ideas were warmly welcomed. His proposals to build a lower Manhattan expressway and Rye-Oyster bay expressway were opposed as being too disruptive to life in lower Manhattan and on Long Island. He was thought by some to be elitist because the parkways he promoted banned commercial traffic and are open only to those who could afford private transportation. He was also criticized and disliked by many families and businesses dislocated by his projects. However, the bottom line for most was that he was a job creator, who, although he was autocratic, and got things done.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

On March 24, 2021, our speaker will be Captain Jay Dirnberger, whose topic will be "Dedication to Duty: Recollections of a Vietnam Veteran Huey Helicopter Pilot."

NOTE TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: next week's CBB scribe will be **AV RIVEL**. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to **AV** at av@revels.org.

NOTE TO RMA Members: The CBB Team works every week to write and publish an informative and concise bulletin for our members enjoyment. We can truly use new members to join the CBB Team. Please contact **JOE MANCINELLI** at jlmanc@optonline.net if you are interested in supporting this continuing effort.

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RMA 2021 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	1:00pm	Outdoor Pickle Ball at Christiano Park	Tony Cocchi - anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu
Tuesdays	9:30 to 11:00	Platform Tennis, Loughlin Ave. Cos Cob	James Dean - jhdeanco@gmail.com
Wednesdays	10:00to 11:00	RMA Weekly Zoom Meeting	Horst Tebbe - onehorst@optimum.net or Len Carusi @ lencarusi@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00	On-Line Bridge	Andre Mazurek - mazurek.a.g@gmail.com
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Zoom: "Tai Chi New Joiners"	Will Morrison - wdmorrison@gmail.com
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Tad Larrabee - tadlarra@optonline.net
Fridays	1:00 PM	On-Line Hearts	Don Conway - spiderduck4@gmail.com
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Indoor Tennis	Andy Holmes - andyholmes56@gmail.com
	Various Times TBD	On-Line Hearts	Don Conway - spiderduck4@gmail.com