



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN



## Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc.

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President DON CONWAY rang the opening bell at 10:00 AM and, after waiting patiently for members to assemble, introduced TONY PARISI to lead us in the Pledge. GEORGE UBOGY gave us interesting background information regarding the origin of today's first song, Yankee Doodle Dandy, which, GEORGE explained, was intended to disparage the rebelling colonists, but which was adapted by the rebels to mock the British army, when it was defeated in battle. Accompanied by GEORGE on the piano, TOM HEALY led us in singing the original version of Yankee Doodle Dandy and Tennessee Ernie Ford's classic, Sixteen Tons. BOB MORGAN then led us in singing The RMA Hymn, which he composed several years ago. CHUCK STANDARD told two stories, one of which focused on the tale of a vain lawyer (are there any other kind?), who, in trying to impress a prospective client, found he couldn't impress the telephone installer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON CONWAY made the following announcements:

1. Members who received parking tickets last week should give them to DON, who would get them "fixed."
2. Tomorrow, July 13, The CT State Siting Commission will tour Eversource's proposed underground cabling route between the Cos Cob power plant and the new Railroad Ave. substation. The tour will commence at the Greenwich Library at 2:00 PM, and residents are invited to follow the commission's tour by car. At 6:00 PM tomorrow evening there will be a public hearing on Eversource's application at the Cole Auditorium.
3. DON noted the untimely passing of LES CHEIKIN, and called for a moment of silence in his memory.
4. Bastille Day will be celebrated on July 14. All are invited to a flag raising ceremony to be held at Town Hall at 8:00 AM.
5. RUSS HARDEN announced this year's RMA picnic will be held at Greenwich Point on September 14. Mark your calendars.

### **A Change in the By-Laws:**

The following motion was approved by the Board of Directors at the July 5, 2017 board meeting.

This proposal will be presented to the membership for a vote at the July 19th meeting.

### **RMA By-Laws Section 2**

**MEMBERSHIP.** There shall be one class of RMA membership, namely: "active". RMA members are hereinafter referred to as "Member" or "Members, or, collectively, as "Membership." A Membership candidate must be 55 years of age or over. He must attend three meetings as a guest none of which need to be attended in succession during a six month period. On the third attendance he will become eligible for induction as a new member.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD told us that JOE COLEMAN, JIM FAHY and TIM NOLAN remain at Nathaniel Witherell. TIM, in particular, would welcome visitors. HARRY TWITCHELL continues recuperation at home, and GEORGE SUTER is at Greenwich Woods.

**Program:** HOLLISTER STURGES urged members to remain for a talk by **Robert Gallucci**, who will address North Korea and Nuclear Deterrence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. HORST TEBBE noted that next week's speaker will be his son, **Nelson Tebbe**, who will review the U.S Supreme Court's 2016-17 decisions.

**Membership:** HORST TEBBE reported 118 members present along with 2 candidates and 1 guest: Marshall Toppo, guest of CHET RISIO. HORST announced that today's birthday boys are: TOM CAHILL (86); JACK RILEY (96); DAN GRIMSICH (86); BOB LUCE (80); BOB KURZMAN (85); WAYNE WRIGHT (84).

**Volunteers:** HAROLD KUPLESKY noted that for the week ending March 1, 36 men reported 426 volunteer hours for outside agencies, and 24 men reported 107 volunteer hours for the RMA. MIKE AMOROSO had the most hours for the week (150).

### **FUN AND GAMES:**

**Bridge:** TONY COCCHI said that the July 5 game drew 11 players. High scorers were: LEN SAARI (3,380); ANDRZEJ MAZUREK (2,900); FRANK LEE (2,440).

**Golf:** JIM SANTORA announced the July 11 outing drew 11 players. TONY COCCHI was low scorer with an 88, and TONY also had the longest drive. ROS CURTIS was closest to the pin on holes 7 and 15. Next week's host: ROS CURTIS.

**Hearts:** JACK SWEGER reported that there were 8 players on July 5. At table #1 RALPH VIGGIANO won 2 games, and PETER BERG won 1 game. The more thoughtful players at table #2 completed two games with JACK SWEGER winning both. Three players "shot the moon" a total of 5 times: RALPH VIGGIANO (2); TOM HEALY (2); JACK SWEGER (1).

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

**Robert Gallucci**, who has been an Ambassador-at-Large and Special Envoy for the U.S. State Department, as well as chief negotiator with North Korea in 1994, began his presentation by remarking that the U.S. can no longer defend itself, i.e., since multiple nations now possess ICBMs we cannot defend our borders, as we could with conventional weapons. He suggested that we now must rely on deterrence, which he described as the ability to credibly persuade adversaries we have the ability to swiftly retaliate, if we or the allies we have pledged to support are attacked. The problem, Mr. Gallucci suggested, is that the quality of “defense” can be judged by whether or not the enemy is repulsed successfully; the only way to know if “deterrence” works is to not be attacked. With respect to our ability to hold North Korea in check, Mr. Gallucci indicated there are only three ways to do so: Containment, which he thinks will require the active participation of China; Negotiation, which has been tried by several Presidents and has not yet succeeded; War, which, given North Korea’s proximity to vulnerable allies (South Korea and Japan), would not be an easy choice.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and Spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA, must be received within two weeks following the reservation or the reservation will be cancelled. **Contact MIKE FERRARESE ([myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com) / [203-554-0678](tel:203-554-0678)) or ABBEY SMOLER ([abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com) / [203-531-0236](tel:203-531-0236)) for information.**

**Mark Twain Home and Museum, Thursday, July 20, 2017.** Lunch: Box Lunch. Cost: \$76.00. Bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 8:45 AM. Status: 4 openings.

**Sound Waters Cruise (3 hours), Thursday, August 31, 2017.** Lunch: Snacks. Cost: \$35.00. Transportation: Private Car. Departure Time: 1:30 PM. Status: 4 openings.

**Goodspeed Opera House – the musical “Oklahoma”, Thursday, September 21, 2017.** Lunch: Gelston House. Cost: \$120.00. Bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 9:45 AM. Status: 10 openings

### **NEXT WEEK**

The RMA will welcome: Nelson Tebbe. Subject: The U.S Supreme Court’s 2016-17 decisions.

Respectfully submitted Ed Farrell

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