

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"The real problem of humanity is the following: we have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and godlike technology" - E.O. Wilson

President **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** called our first "fully Zoom" meeting of the summer to order promptly at 9:45 (on account of the First Presbyterian Church using our usual meeting hall for its Vacation Bible School). **BOB MORGAN** then led us in the Pledge, followed by a taped rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by the Melody Men at Citi Field.

Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** notified us that **BILL SALTSMAN** died peacefully at home on July 20.

[Obituary for Bill Saltsman](#)

BOB BISHOP will provide us with a fitting eulogy at a future meeting. A memorial service for **BILL** and his wife, Mary Sue (who predeceased him last year), will be held at Christ Church Memorial Garden on Sunday, October 23 at 2 pm., with a reception to follow.

On another note, **ARNOLD** informed us that we are able to get our vaccine cards laminated at Staples. **ARNOLD** then introduced this week's Jokester, **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN**, who capably narrated the account of "Jesus and the Redneck"--a lesson in the inscrutability of human desire.

Visiting: **ARNOLD** notified us that **GENE SCHWARTZ** recently had a fall and has been relocated to The Residence in Stamford (corner of Summer Street and 2nd Avenue). He would welcome a call (203-918-3984) or email (genes33@yahoo.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer: **JEFF JUNKER** noted that, as of August 3, 150 members have paid their dues of \$100 for the fiscal year which started on May 1. He will be sharing (with the board) the list of 70 members who have not yet responded to the dues reminders in the CBB. A check for \$100 may be made out to "RMA" and either hand delivered to the Treasurer at the next RMA meeting or mailed to Jeff Junker, 9 Tree Top Terrace, Greenwich, CT 06831. **ANDY HOLMES** pointed out that members who have signed up for indoor tennis also need to pay their membership dues to be eligible. (Presumably, the same caveat should apply to other RMA activities.)

Regarding masks at meetings, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** noted that we plan to have an in-person meeting at the First Presbyterian Church on August 11 and at the present time, mask wearing in the meeting hall remains optional. In light of the Governor's latest recommendations, the Board and the Program Committee will keep this matter under discussion. **MICHAEL** also announced that negotiations with the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich for a possible alternate meeting space are ongoing.

Membership: **PETER STERN** reported 45 members present on Zoom. Larry Bowman attended as a guest of **JOHN CRAINE**, and **PETER** welcomed recent inductee, **MIKE CATALANO**. **RICK HOLZ** reported in from Lauderdale by the Sea. Birthdays: **COOKIE GIBB** is 79 this week, **JOHN HOFFMAN** turned 92, **ANDERS EKERNAS** celebrates 76, and **TOM MORONEY** is 82. A full-throated "Happy Birthday" song was belted out by the song-starved membership.

Raft Up: **JOHN CRAINE** reminded us of the RMA Raft-up starting at noon on Thursday, August 12. The event welcomes sail and power boaters--members, spouses and crew--to "raft-up"--i.e., tie up side-by side at a designated location. Non-boaters are also welcome. They should sign up in advance, and will be advised to which boat they will be assigned and where to board. The fleet will rendezvous at the anchorage off Great Captain's Island. All participants must be vaccinated, and they should bring delectable edibles and frosty beverages. Five boats have been confirmed to date, three sail and two power boats, along with two maybes. j1craine1@optimum.net

TOM HEALY notified us that the anticipated October trip to Belmont is cancelled.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

ARNOLD GORDON previewed Jim Knox, the Beardsley Park Zoo's Curator of Education, who will speak to "Saving Animals from Extinction: Tales of Species Recovery in Connecticut and Beyond". There will be no speaker today, August 4th.

[Speaker Announcement for August 11 – Jim Knox](#)

GAMES AND SPORTS

Hearts: Starting on August 11, Hearts will be played at the Womens Club. **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** noted that they have opened their doors to our bridge players as well.

Bridge: **ED MASTOLONI** noted that there were three players this week.

Walkers and Talkers: **TAD LARRABEE** reported: "Last Thursday, the Walkers got home before the rains again by depending on Weather Underground! Tad had a close-up map of the trail we intended to explore, but we got lost due to poor signage and a confusing map. Regardless of where you walk in the Rockefeller State Park Preserve, it's beautiful and we will try again in September. If you want to join us then, please send an email to tadlarra@optonline.net."

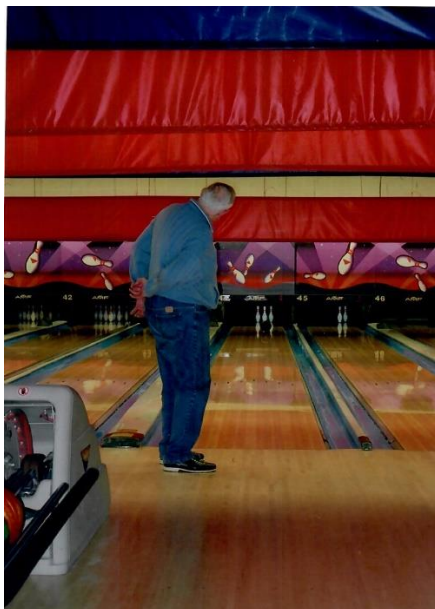
Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** welcomes all to the weekly meeting of the Feel-Good Society on Wednesdays at 4:30.

Golf: **PAUL CAMPION**, back from vacation, thanked **JACK WEIR** for captaining this week. Next week's tee times will begin at 10:50. Contact paulcampion1@optonline.net.

Human Interest: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** encouraged all to consider submitting brief "human interest" anecdotes--reviews of books and /or restaurants.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Past President **PETE UHRY** has asked that we include a few "historical" RMA pictures, with a question of the week. The answer to last week's question: that was **BOB BISHOP** ringing Santa's bell in front of the A&P in 2013. This week's stumper: who is that hoping he can take out the last three pins in a bowling competition?



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: next week's CBB scribe will be →**JOE ANGLAND**←. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB promptly to **JOE** at jangland@optonline.net.

TO ALL RMA MEMBERS: 2021-2022 dues are now overdue. If you haven't paid get off your duff and deliver a check for \$100, made out to RMA, to **JEFF JUNKER**. Now! You can deliver your check to **JEFF** at the next meeting, or mail it to him at 9 Tree Top Terrace, Greenwich, CT 06831.

TO ALL RMA MEMBERS: Don't forget to report your inside and outside volunteer hours to **JOHN FEBLES** on his nifty new form:

<https://forms.gle/bsUUdVgzMk3GJrKAA>.

ALL MEMBERS are reminded that in addition to streaming on the Internet, RMA speakers are normally shown on the local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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RMA 2021 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities*			
Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	9:00 am	Outdoor Pickle Ball at Christiano Park	Tony Cocchi - anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu
Mondays	2:00 pm	Hearts	Andy Holmes – andyholmes56@gmail.com Don Conway – spiderduck4@gmail.com
Various	Various	Hearts	Michael Ambrosino – brooklynoil@yahoo.com
Tuesdays	Various tee times	RMA Golf, “The Griff Golf Course,” Greenwich	Paul Champion – paulchampion1@optonline.net
Wednesdays	9:45 to 10:30 am	RMA Weekly Zoom Meeting	Horst Tebbe - onehorst@optimum.net or Len Carusi at lencarusi@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	On-Line Bridge	Andre Mazurek - mazurek.a.j@gmail.com
Wednesdays	4:00 to 5:00 pm	“Tai Chi New Joiners” – Greenwich Commons	Will Morrison - wdmorrison@gmail.com
Thursdays	9:00 am	RMA Walking	Tad Larrabee - tadlarra@optonline.net
Thursdays	9:00 am	Pickleball and/or Tennis at Christiano Park	Tony Cocchi - anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu

*Day & time of some events may vary; check with contact