



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"History teaches that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives*

Israeli Statesman Abba Eban."

President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** summoned the members to their seats a few minutes after 10:00 am. In the absence of the scheduled pledge leader, **GRAN BURGESS** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Song leader **JACK SWEGER** opened the group sing with *The Star-Spangled Banner* and concluded with *Heart of my Heart* and *Enjoy Your Self*. **GEORGE UBOGY** accompanied on the piano.

Treasurer for the day was **JEFF JUNKER**, assisted by **WAYNE DEFRIES**. The Scribe was **GERRY LESSUK**, and the Mentor was **RUSS HARDEN**. Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** amused the members with humorous one liners. **ARNOLD** also included several short announcements published in a Florida community of seniors that were unintentionally humorous.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETURNEES: **TOM McGUIRE** from Maine, and **MIKE FERRARESE** from Las Vegas.  
VISITING: Two members, **BILL HOWLAND** and **DON CONWAY**, were recovering from surgical procedures. **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** reported that both were doing well, and both will accept contact from members.

**ANNUAL RAFTUP:** Led by **JOHN CRAINE** the RaftUp will be held on Thursday, August 15, starting at noon on that day and should conclude about 2:30 pm. So far four boats have signed up. As usual both rag haulers(sail) and stink potters(power) will be involved. Participants should plan to bring food and beverages. All members, boaters and non-boaters, spouses, candidates and guests are welcome. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Following the raft up, there is a plan, for those interested, for a relaxing cruise and sightseeing off Captain Harbor, including Island Beach and Wee Captain Island.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** A call was made by **JIM FISHBEIN** for additional volunteers. **JIM** pointed out that the volunteers who produce the weekly meetings - the speakers, and the members who handle the business and administrative functions - are often single individuals with no backup. Volunteers are needed for computer and projection activities. Volunteers would be trained to handle these activities. There is a need to spread the work among several volunteers.

**INDOOR TENNIS:** All indoor tennis players should submit the annual fee of \$490 to **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** in a check made out to OGTA. The 2019-2020 Fall and Winter Schedule and Roster will be emailed this week.

**TAI CHI CLASSES:** Due to travel plans by **WILL MORRISON** who leads these classes, no classes will be held on the following dates: August 14, 19, 21, and September 2 and 4.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROGRAMS:** This week's speaker, **Patricia Chadwick**, was introduced by **HORST TEBBE**. Ms. Chadwick will discuss her life living in a cult and the transition to life on Wall Street. **TAD LARRABEE** said that next week's speaker will be Attorney Aleksandr (Alex) Y. Troyb Esq. who will discuss the myths that exist about Immigration Law and Rules.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As reported by **HORST TEBBE**, there were in attendance 86 members and two guests - Geoffrey Hornbeck and Pat Yuen, both guests of **FRANK SCARPA**. No birthdays were reported.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** For the week ending today, **JOHN FEBLES** reported that there were 199 outside hours by 32 members and 33 inside hours by 22 members. Top RMA member hours went to **WILL MORRISON** with 30 hours.

## FUN AND GAMES

**BRIDGE:** No report.

**GOLF:** 12 players showed up for Tuesday's round of golf. **PAUL CAMPION** reports that six players broke 100. Closest to the pin on the 7th hole was **MIKE AMBROSINO**, and **TONY COCCHI** on the 15th hole. Longest drive on # 17 was **MIKE AMBROSINO**. Low scorer was **JAY SCHONDORF** with a 93.

**OUTDOOR TENNIS and PICKLE BALL:** These two games are reported by **TONY COCCHI** and **JOHN KNIGHT**. On August 1, 14 people showed up and almost filled 4 courts. There is still room for more players. On August 5, 8 people participated; 4 on

the tennis court and 4 on the pickle ball court; and there was some swapping for those who liked both games. The experiment will continue for another week.

HEARTS: Nine players participated on two tables. Four games were completed. **LOU TROVATO** reported the following winners: **JOHN KAVANAGH, JOHN KNIGHT, JOHN STANKUNAS,** and **TOM HEALY**. Moon Shooters were **JOHN KAVANAGH, JOHN KNIGHT,** and **LOU TROVATO**. Next week's captain is **JOHN KAVANAGH**.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks of the reservation(s) or the reservation(s) will be cancelled. Busses depart from the St. Catherine Church parking lot on Riverside Avenue opposite the Church. Contact persons are listed with each event.

**PEPSICO SCULPTURE GARDENS TOUR: September 19, 2019;** the tour will be led by **ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN** and will view 45 works by the 20th century's leading artists. An upscale buffet lunch will follow at the Doral Arrow Wood Resort. Cost of full buffet is \$40, or the extensive salad bar is \$25. Transportation is self-drive; arrive by 10:00am; status: full; wait list available. Contact **JIM FISHBEIN** or **MAURICE KROHN**. **WAIVE HILL GARDENS, RIVERDALE, NY: October 10, 2019;** a two-hour guided tour, from 9 to 11:00am; free gift and 10% discount on any purchase. See [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org). lunch at The Lobster House on City Island; cost \$110pp; bus departs at 8:00am; status: places available until September 18, 2019. Contact **MAURICE KROHN**.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

**Patricia Chadwick** has titled her talk "From Life in a Cult to Life on Wall Street. Before becoming a Cult, the Saint Benedict Center, founded in 1940, began as a Catholic meeting place near Harvard Square where students from local colleges could gather for lectures and discussions on philosophy, ethics and theology. Over the next two decades it evolved into a rigid, sequestered religious sect headed by an excommunicated priest. Ms. Chadwick was one of thirty-nine children raised in this Cult and has written about her experience in "Little Sister: A Memoir", a story of indoctrination, fear, suffering, resilience, love and grace. MS Chadwick survived this experience and went on to earn a BA in Economics from Boston University and enjoy a thirty-year career in the investment business, culminating as a Global Partner at Invesco, an investment management firm employing over 8,000 employees in twenty-three countries. Currently Ms. Chadwick mentors middle school girls at a school in Harlem. She also has founded and is CEO of Anchor Health Initiative, a health care company that serves the needs of the LGBTQ community in Connecticut.

## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Aleksandr Y. Troyp, Esq., a practicing attorney in Stamford, CT specializing in Immigration Law, will discuss "Myths About Immigration Rules."

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### RMA 2019 Calendar

<b>Weekly Repetitive Activities</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mondays	9:00am to 11:00am	Summer Tennis	Loughlin Ave. Courts
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Beginner	Greenwich Sr. Center
Tuesdays April through September	Various 8:00am to 11:00am Tee Times	Golf	Harris Griffith Golf Course
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00am	RMA Weekly Meeting	First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam Ave., Greenwich CT
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00pm	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 3:00pm	Bridge	Greenwich YMCA
Thursdays	9:00am to 11:00am	Pickleball	Loughlin Ave. Courts
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Various TBD
<b>RMA Special Events</b>			
August 15, 2019	Noon	RMA RaftUp	Captain's Island
September 12, 2019	10:30am	ANNUAL RMA PICNIC	Greenwich Point Park
September 19, 2019	10:00am	PepsiCo Kendal Sculpture Gardens	Purchase, NY
October 10, 2019	9:00 to 11:00am	Wave Hill Tour	Riverdale, NY
November 13, 2019	12:00 Noon	ANNUAL RMA BANQUET	Tamarack Country Club