

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.” Albert Camus

President TAD LARRABEE opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and called on BOB MORGAN to lead us in the Pledge. With GEORGE UBOGY at the piano, JACK SWEGER led us in singing /My Country Tis of Thee, /Hey Look Me Over/ and/You Are My Sunshine. BOB CAREY then drew laughs with ethnic stories about a Jewish grandson, who was advised to bring a gift, when he visits his grandmother; an Italian grandson, who learned why it would be wise to choose a gun over a Rolex and an Irish lass, who dazzled casino workers and walked away with unearned, winnings.

VISITING: FRANK SCARPA reported that BILL BURKE underwent aortic valve replacement and triple bypass surgery two weeks ago. BILL is doing well and may shortly be discharged from Columbia Presbyterian. Please contact FRANK for BILL'S cell phone and email address: frankjscarpa@gmail.com <mailto:frankjscarpa@gmail.com>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne Gilhuly of the Refugee Committee of the Congregational Church of Old Greenwich sought a volunteer to act as a financial advisor for a church-sponsored Afghan refugee family. If interested, please call Anne at 203-661-7716.

TAD LARRABEE introduced GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, who rendered a very personal memorial of ARTO SZABO, a long-time RMA member who recently passed away. A memorial service for ARTO is scheduled at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road, on Saturday, September 15.

ARNOLD GORDON noted that at **the upcoming RMA picnic on September 13** there will be a 50/25/25 raffle. In addition to the raffle of many great prizes ranging in value up to \$350 including gift certificates from Richards Clothing, Fleisher's Meat Market, Fjord Fisheries and several popular restaurants. There will be wine galore and valuable items

from Shreve, Crump and Low and Hoagland's on Greenwich Avenue – and a seascape watercolor by fellow RMA member Dan Grimsich.

TAD LARRABEE described the process for getting to and navigating the RMA website, greenwichrma.org. CHET RISIO urged all, who deliver prepared announcements, to provide a printed copy of their announcements to the CBB scribe. Impromptu announcements should be legibly hand-written and presented to the scribe.

RETURNEES:

TAD LARRABEE announced returnees: JIM BUTLER (San Carlo, CA); RANDY MOTLAND (Martha's Vineyard); ROGER PISANI (Ireland).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAM: PETER UHRY announced today's speaker will be **Dr. Richard Connors**, a dermatologist, who will discuss what is new in the cause, diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer. BOB ROBINS noted that next week's speaker will be Missy Wolfe, an historian and author, who will discuss the hidden history of colonial Greenwich.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 92 members and 2 guests present at today's meeting. Guests are: Will Morrison, guest of PETER UHRY and HORST TEBBE; Bill London, guest of DON CONWAY and KEATING HAGMANN. HORST also recognized three birthday boys: ED BLOOM (88); JIM BUTLER (76); VINCENT MASI (91).

VOLUNTEERS: ALAN GUNZBURG reported 33 men donated 317 hours to outside agencies, and 24 men reported 133 volunteer hours for the RMA. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN and MIKE RYAN tied for the most hours for the week (35).

FUN AND GAMES:

BRIDGE: TONY COCCHI announced the winners on August 15 were: TONY COCCHI (3450); JOHN FEBLES (3050); KURT SCHAFFIR (2510).

TENNIS: JOHN KNIGHT reported there were no games last week. MICHAEL AMBROSINO announced that the indoor tennis season will get underway at the OGTA at 1:30 PM on September 7. Thanks to JOE MANCINELLI, an introduction letter, roster and schedule will be emailed this weekend.

PICKLEBALL: TONY COCCHI reported 8 players played last week. He noted that four courts are available to RMA from 9-11 AM Thursdays and that more players are welcome. Outdoor play will continue, as long as weather permits.

HEARTS: JACK SWEGER reported there were 12 players at last week's game. Winners were: table 1 (2 games) JOHN STANKUNAS and PETER BERG, table 2 (3 games) DON CONWAY (2 wins) and JACK SWEGER, table 3 (4 games) TOM HEALY (2 wins), MICHAEL AMBROSINO and ANDY HOLMES. Moon shooters were: TOM HEALY (5 times); JOHN STANKUNAS and JACK SWEGER (2 times each); JOHN KNIGHT, MICHAEL AMBROSINO, LOU TROVATO and DON CONWAY (once each).

GOLF: GRAN BURGESS reported the following highlights from last week's play: closest to the pin on #7, GRAN BURGESS; closest to the pin on # 15, MICHAEL AMBROSINO; longest drive, JOHN AWDZIEWICZ. Next week's captain is BOB PHILLIPS.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Dr. Richard C. Connors, MD, is a dermatologist who practices in Greenwich and is **Section Head of Dermatology at Greenwich Hospital**. He opened his remarks by noting the RMA is an appropriate audience, because, as people age, they become less immune to diseases such as skin cancer. As he described the different types of skin cancer, Dr. Connors noted that Basal Cell Carcinoma is the most prevalent in cancer patients and that Melanoma is least common, but most difficult to treat. To prevent skin cancer from developing Dr. Connors suggested sunscreen, even the best sunscreen is not 100% effective, and that avoiding long stays in direct sunlight and wearing appropriate clothing is best. He indicated there is no safe tan, and strongly warned against using indoor tanning methods. Dr. Connors provided the audience with a guide to skin cancers. He urged all to learn the indicators of skin cancer development and to conduct regular self-examinations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Are 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 they will be cancelled.*Contact MIKE FERRARESE (**myagentmike@yahoo.com <mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com>**) / 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER (**abbeymoler@gmail.com <mailto:abbeymoler@gmail.com>**) / 203-531-0236) for information.*

Sound Water Cruise. Thursday, August 30, 2018, 2-4:00pm. Lunch: Snacks. Cost: \$35.00 per person. Transportation: Self-drive. Openings: 10.

Goodspeed Opera House – The Drowsy Chaperone. Thursday, October 25, 2018. Lunch: Gelston House, Transportation: Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 9:15 am. Cost: \$135/person. Openings: 14.

NEXT WEEK' SPEAKER

Next week the RMA will welcome **Missy Wolfe, historian and author**

Subject: Hidden History of Colonial Greenwich