



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN



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No single political party can fool all of the people all of the time; that's why we have two.
Bob Hope.

Still enjoying the hazy-lazy days of summer prexy PETER UHRY waited until 10:04 to call the meeting to its usual level of order. RICK HOLZ did the pledge honors and GRAN BURGESS (baton wielder) and JIM SANTORA (professionally prepared piano person) led us in *God Bless America, Bye Bye Blackbird and Me and My Gal*. Jokester JERRY SCHWENDEMAN gave two brief lessons in human anatomy that touched funny-bones throughout the room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PETER UHRY: Reported that BOB OPPENHEIMER, former RMAer is living on the West Coast and will celebrate his 102nd birthday in December.

Announced the passing of old time member BILL BOOM.

Welcomed back **returnees:** BILL HOWLAND from Charlotte, N.C and Stratton VT; RICK HOLZ from Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL, LEN SAARI from KENNEBUNKPORT, ME and ART ROBINSON from Owls Head, ME, GENE SCHWARTZ from Charleston, SC.

JERRY SCHWENDEMAN – Retuned to the podium to give an update on the picnic.

ARNOLD GORDON – Encouraged all to participate in the picnic raffle because 1) the money collected goes straight to the RMA bottom line and 2) there are some really fabulous, high-value prizes.

Informed us of a program called **Learning in Retirements**, with classes and lectures by highly qualified people held at Temple Beth El in Stamford. For information and a catalog call 203-595-0398 or lirstamford@gmail.com. Offered hot chili peppers from his garden to all comers

JOHN FEBLES thanked DICK CASE for contributing a tablet computer to the RMA to aid in recording and reporting volunteer hours

CHET RISIO – Explained a little about the work involved with publishing the CBB, the written, permanent record of the RMA and asked for volunteers to maintain its record of faithful reporting. Call him at 914-939-8460 for more info and to sign-up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD reported that TED SPOOL is still having problems with his numbers, JOE MALARA is finally on the mend and DOUG FRANCEFORT will be coming home soon. Welcome back, RON KLINGNER!

PROGRAM: PETER UHRY heads upped next week's speaker **Sharon Vos**, an Old Greenwich resident who is a nationally ranked runner, #1 in her age group (over 60). She will talk about her experiences starting serious running at age 40 and still doing it!

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 117 members, 3 candidates and 4 guests: Joe Dowing g/o WAYNE WRIGHT; Gerry Friedman g/o PETER COLEMAN; Walter Stewart g/o JOHN CARON; and Henry Orphys g/o RUSS HARDEN

INDUCTEE: GERRY GIBIAN and WAYNE WRIGHT described Bob Kurzman as a man with a distinguished legal career and a helluva nice guy. This well-travelled, Stamford resident was accepted to membership by a hearty voice vote. Welcome aboard BOB!

BIRTHDAY BOYS: RUSS HARDEN 74, MIKE SMITH 77 and SAM MARASSO 77. HAPPY NATAL DAY GUYS!

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Abyly reported by ARNOLD GORDON, 409 hours by 41 men to outside agencies and 139 hours by 28 men for RMA. High man for the week, ERF PORTER with 67 hours over 5 weeks.

SPECIAL EVENTS: MIKE FERRARESE delivered the information found at the end of this report.

GAMES RMA'ers PLAY

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR dealt the numbers: 12 players, #1 GRANT PERKINS 4300, #2 PETER STERN 3690 and #3 RALPH VIGGIANO. Games are now played at First Baptist Church.

GOLF: MIKE RYAN reported 9 players, Low score 91 and closest to the pin on 7 JACK WEIR; Closest to pin 15, FRANK SCARPA, longest drive on 17 JOHN AWDZIEWICZ.

Host for next 2 weeks: PETER TUNLEY. Sign-up sheets for next 3 weeks are on the bulletin board.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Donna Spellman** is Executive Director of River House Adult Day Center. Her talk centered on the philosophy and mission of adult day care and how River House in Cos Cob fills this need in Greenwich. She explained that all of us thrive if we are able to socialize and if we are stimulated and challenged. It is particularly important for people suffering from degenerative diseases such as dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's.

River House provides programs suited to clients in all stages of the diseases to provide opportunities for socialization and stimulative activities. Another major benefit of their programs is to caregivers and their families, providing respite to 24/7 needs.

She spoke passionately without notes and fielded the usual spirited RMA Q&A.

Av Rivel –Proud Ink-stained wretch

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks made payable to the RMA.

Sagamore Hills: Teddy Roosevelt home and museum. Sept. 22. Lunch is at Canterbury Oyster Bar. \$75/pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 8:30 am. Status: wait listed.

Goodspeed Opera House: "Chasing Rainbows," Judy Garland Story, Oct. 27. Lunch at Gelston House. \$115/pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 10 am. Status: 25 openings.

For more information: MIKE FERRARESE 203-554-0678 or ABBEY SMOLER 203-531-0236

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Sharon Vos – Nationally Ranked Runner: "Running seriously after 50, or 60 or....."

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