



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President DON CONWAY brought the assembled members to their feet, introducing BOB BISHOP as pledge leader, followed by TOM HEALY who, with GEORGE UBOGY on the keys, led the singing, starting with America, followed by an upbeat rendition of Hey Look Me Over! and Oklahoma!

He then, assuming the role of Corresponding Secretary, amused us with a story of how, making his choice among women offering looks, financial knowhow and other gifts, a man found physical appeal the most compelling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. RUSS HARDEN reminded us about the RMA picnic next week, and TAD LARRABEE gave us advance notice about the RMA luncheon/dinner in November.
2. ERV PORTER called our attention to the Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association's Charity Golf Tournament on September 11. For information call the Griff Harris golf course on 869-2900.
3. More drivers are needed for Call-A-Ride. On a personal note, JOHN FEBLES (jfebles13@gmail.com) is looking for a patent attorney. In addition, he told us that the Salvation Army needs a volunteer to serve as coordinator for its Kettle Drum program to be set up at the ACME Riverside Commons, for the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

COMMITTEES

VISITING: DON CONWAY commented that we miss CHUCK STANDARD'S report on members under doctors' care. He asked for a volunteer to fill Chuck's shoes

PROGRAM: JOEL BLUMBERG reminded us that our speaker will be **Dr. Vincent DeVita**, long-time Director of the National Cancer Institute (see below).

Next week's speaker, HORST TEBBE told us, will be **Captain Nina Willner** who will speak on her Army Intelligence experience during the Cold War.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported attendance by 110 members and four guests. The guests are Jim Steen, guest of BOB ROBINS; Andy Holmes, guest of JAY SCHONDORF; Bill Burke, guest of FRANK SCARPA; and Al Kestenbaum, guest of PETER ARTURI. We serenaded **two birthday boys:** JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, 78, and FRED GOLDSTEIN, 70.

VOLUNTEERS: JOHN FEBLES reported 311 outside volunteer hours by 104 members, and 34 inside hours by 22 members. Seventy-five hours -- the highest for the week -- were reported by MIKE AMOROSO.

SPECIAL EVENTS: "Oklahoma" at Goodspeed on September 21 is waitlisted. ABBEY SMOLER: 203-531-0236. Details below.

THE SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE: PETER STERN did double duty. He reported that the bridge group had 8 players. KURT SCHAFFIR was first with 4750, JOHN FEBLES second with 4110, and RON FRIEDMAN third with 3560.

GOLF: On golf he reported that 19 members played – 16 did 18 holes and 3 did 9. ROS CURTIS was closest to the pin on the 7th, JOHN AWDZIEWICZ was closest on the 15th, and JOHN KNIGHT hit the longest drive on the 17th. Four players beat 100, notably including JAY SCHONDORF with 94. KEATING HAGMANN made an Eagle on the 9th. Next week's captain will be MIKE RYAN.

HEARTS: TOM HEALY reported 8 Hearts players. PETER BERG (who plays everything) won Game 1 on Table 1, and JACK SWEGER won Game 2. On Table 2 TOM HEALY won both Game 1 and Game 2.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Cancer remains the second most common cause of death in the U.S. **Dr. Vincent DeVita** has been at the forefront of cancer treatment and research since the 1960's. He was appointed in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter to be the Director of the National Cancer Institute of the NIH, and was medical director of the Yale Cancer Center.

He provided a unique perspective on the history of cancer research, the people involved, and the institutions which supported it. The great and continuing level of work has been supported by the War-on-Cancer Act of Congress which provides funding through the NIH.

Dr. DeVita focused on Hodgkin's Disease as an example of the level of research work required and the level of success achieved – an increase in the cure rate from a few

percent to over 70 percent. There have been great advances in the practice of oncology overall – a 26 percent reduction in the mortality rate -- and in the emergence of new technology.

This is, of course, too complex a subject to be effectively covered in a brief speech. Dr. DeVita called our attention to the book “The Death of Cancer,” recently completed by his daughter, Dr. Elizabeth DeVita Raeburn, which could help us get a better overall understanding.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Events are open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact trip coordinators ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks for payment are to be made out to the RMA, and must be received within two (2) weeks following the making of the reservations or the reservations will be cancelled.

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE. The musical, “Oklahoma”, September 21, 2017. Lunch; Gelston House Cost; \$120p/p. Bus departs St. Catherine’s 9:45 am. Status: Wait listed

NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER

Capt. **Nina Willner**, Army Intelligence. “Forty Autumns, a Tale of Family, the Iron Curtain, and Spycraft”

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