



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“No man ever steps into the same river twice, for it is not the same river and he is not the same man”Heraclitus

A trim JERRY SCHWENDEMAN called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 am.

BILL WIGGIN led all in the Pledge and quickly segued into Song Leader. We sang *God Bless America, Blueberry Hill* and *Shine on Harvest Moon* with GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE at the piano. Corresponding Secretary (a title that begs for a change)

ARNOLD GORDON told a series of one liners and enlisted the aid of JOEL BLUMBERG to give the punchline to an advisory about a food to avoid. ARNOLD also recommended the superb Ken Burns series about country music currently airing on PBS.

Special thanks to Third VP JOE MANCINELLI for doing a splendid job in running the Annual RMA picnic. The food was especially good, and the three stations made serving easy. Despite some clouds and a few rain drops the attendance was strong and the true spirit of the RMA brightened up the day's festivities. Many vendors from our area donated valuable items totaling about \$2100, for use in our annual raffle. RMA members should try to visit these vendors and at least thank them for their generosity to

our organization. A list of the picnic donors can be found following the CBB write up, as well as some picnic photos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Returns; WAYNE DeVRIES after 40 days in Maine and MARTIN WAINE from the summer spent in Dartmouth, MA. Welcome back, fellows.

Visiting; MIKE AMBROSINO reported that BILL HOWLAND is recovering from a triple by-pass and RALPH VIGGIANO is not only recovering from chemo treatments but played in the weekly RMA golf outing, hitting the longest drive. Way to go, RALPHIE!

PETER UHRY crumpled a soda can and dropped it on the floor. If unattended, that trash would exist for 300 years before it could decompose. PETER used that can as an illustration for the necessity of recycling and to join the Greenwich Green & Clean movement to reduce trash and save natural resources.

PETER held up a copy of *Fahrenheit 451*, the Greenwich Reads Together selection for the library's program. He said there are copies available at the library. He also urged all members to fill out the survey rating the RMA Speaker Program.

The Shakespeare Group: GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE informed us the original date for viewing *A Midsummer Night's Dream* has been changed from Sept. 25 to Oct. 2 at 1:30pm at the home of KEITH SMITH, 37 Jones Park Drive in Riverside. Call GEORGE at 203 698-0710 for further details.

COMMITTEES

Speaker today: HOLLISTER STURGES urged all to stay for a talk by Phillip McKnight on *The Shakespeare Nobody Knows*.

Speaker next week: HOLLISTER spoke highly of Daryl Hawk, international documentary photographer who will speak on *Columbia; Light at the Edge of the World*.

Membership: HORST TEBBE announced there were 85 members in attendance and three guests. They were Ed Miller and Bob Sheridan g/o PETER UHRY and Dave Richards g/o KEATING HAGMAN. The birthday guys were JOHN TONER, 73, JERRY STIMSON, 72, CARL WHITE, 71, STEVE LIEFER, 81, PETER ORBANOWSKI, 75, and GIFF REID, 86.

Human Interest: GEOFFREY BURGE gave a detailed and stirring account of his participation in the Paris Brest Paris Cycling event. Begun in 1891 the PBP is the longest (750 miles) cycling endurance race in the world. 6,300 cyclists from several countries took part in the race that has 15 checkpoints that must be arrived at before the clock ticks down. Getting in shape GEOFFREY lost 36 lbs. and participated in several races starting one year before PBP.

The race goes through 170 towns and the enthusiasm from the French people is evident as they turn out to cheer the riders and offer food at all hours.

Volunteer hours: PETER STERN relayed 396 outside hours by 39 members and 200 inside hours by 31 members. Top honors went to KEATING HAGMANN with 55 hours.

GAMES OF THE RMA

Bridge: With only three players present, RON FRIEDMAN had to call off the games for Sept. 11.

Tennis: TOM HEALY totaled the results for Sept 13. TOM and ANDRZEJ MAZUREK beat PETER ORBANOWSKI and BOB GRAYSON. Runners up MIKE AMBROSINO and MIKE SMITH bested BILL FAKUNDINY and PETER STREICH. Next week's captain is BILL FAKUNDINY.

Hearts: DON CONWAY scored the results for Sept 11. The winners on table 1 were ANDY HOLMES, 1st game, JOHN STANKUNAS, 2nd game and ANDY HOLMES, 3rd game. Moonshots belonged to JOHN STANKUNAS, 2, JOHN KNIGHT, 1, and ANDY HOLMES 1. On table 2 winners were GRANT PERKINS, 1st and 2nd games. On table 3 the winners were TOM HEALY 1ST game, and JIM DEAN 2nd game. The only moonshot belonged to TOM HEALY.

Outdoor tennis and Pickleball: ANDY HOLMES reported that pickleball was not played because of the RMA picnic. Pickleball is played at the Loughlin courts every Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00. For the next three Mondays, outdoor tennis will begin at 8:30 and end at 10:00. A Pickleball clinic will start at 10:00

Golf: JAY SCHONDORF ran the results for Sept. 17. 19 players did 18 holes and 6 did 9 holes. Nine players broke 100 with a low score of 81 by GRAN BURGESS. Closest to the pin on #7 was TONY COCCHI, on # 15 it was JIM DEAN. Longest drive on #15 was RALPH VIGGIANO. Welcome back, RALPH.

Tai Chi: WILL MORRISON said classes continue Mondays and Wednesdays at the Civic Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks should be made to the RMA and must be received within two weeks of the reservation(s) or the reservation(s) will be cancelled. Buses 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 will follow at the *Doral Arrow Wood Resort*. Cost of the buffet

is \$40, or the extensive salad bar is \$25. Transportation is self-drive, arrive by 10am. Status: full, wait list available. Contact JIM FISHBEIN or MAURICE KROHN.

WAVE HILL GARDENS, RIVERDALE, N.Y.: October 10, 2019. A two-hour guided tour, from 9 to 11am; free gift and 10% discount on any purchase. See www.wavehill.org. Lunch at *The Lobster House*, on City Island, cost \$110 per person, bus departs at 8am, status: places available until September 18, 2019. Contact MAURICE KROHN.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

HOLLISTER STURGES introduced Philip R. McKnight; Esq. who gave an absorbing talk entitled *The Shakespeare Nobody Knows*. Professor McKnight, an adjunct professor of environmental law, spoke on a subject that has intrigued scholars for generations; "Did a man known as William Shakespeare actually write the 39 plays, 154 sonnets and numerous other verses that the world views as the finest in the English language or was he a willing plagiarist compliant with the wishes of a brilliant wordsmith who preferred anonymity"?

In addition to that quandary, Professor McKnight pointed out that there are unanswered questions regarding Shakespeare's existence. The first twenty years of his life are unrecorded. So, from 1584, at about age 20, to his retirement in 1612 (he died in 1616 at age 52), could anyone have written all that material in addition to producing, performing, and managing a theater company in only 28 years? How could a writer so prolific not leave any record of his life? Even what purports to be his signature incurs doubt.

And, if not he, who? Essayist Francis Bacon? Playwright Christopher Marlowe? Arts patron Edward de Vere? All supremely more educated than Shakespeare. And, in the long run, does it matter whose pen put to paper the world's greatest dramas and verses? Is it much ado about nothing? Or was Shakespeare a walking shadow of a much greater player?

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Daryl Hawk, International Documentary Photographer,

on "Columbia: Light at the edge of the World"

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RMA 2019 Calendar

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Location
Mondays	9:00am to 11:00am	Summer Tennis or Pickleball	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
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Indoor Tennis	Old Greenwich Tennis Academy
RMA Special Events			
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

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