



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Our jolly President PETER UHRY brought the unruly group to order and introduced pledge leader JOHN CARON.

Song leader JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, with PETER RYAN on the keyboard, led us in spirited renditions of "God Bless America," "Side by Side," and "Mame."

CHUCK STANDARD provided the obligatory joke.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PETER UHRY:
  - a. Asked if members would be interested in taking a course on heart resuscitation offered by the Greenwich Emergency Medical Service, and got a limited response.
  - b. He told us that the RMA is preparing a membership brochure, and asked members with newsletter design experience to contact him.
  - c. He reported on the solitary returnee: REID McINTYRE from a visit to the National Parks in the U.S. Northwest.
  - d. Our president then reminded us of some historical events whose anniversary fell on today.
2. ARNOLD GORDON reminded us about the planned Clerihew Recitation. To participate call ARNOLD at (203-340-9336). He also told us about a helpful supermarket shopping service for homebound seniors, offered by Jewish Family Services (203-622-1881).
3. DON CONWAY reported that the RMA dinner will be held at the Tamarack Country Club on November 9, 2016, from 10:30 to 2:30 pm. The cost will be \$60 for members, \$30 for widows. There will be a cash bar.



### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD gave us the good news that he had nothing to report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported 123 attendees, including one candidate, Joe Dowling; and four guests: Joel Blumberg, guest of ARNOLD GORDON; Ted Thaxter,

European History at guest of ED BLOOM. He welcomed candidate Joe Dowling. We wished a **happy birthday** to DAVID A. DEWEY, 84; HORST TEBBE, 76; AND WILLIAM HORN, 83.

**VOLUNTEERS:** GERRY MAYFIELD told us that 56 men reported 324 hours for outside agencies, and 29 members reported 146 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 125 (accumulated) hours, by MIKE AMOROSO.

**PROGRAM:** HOLLISTER STURGES announced both this week's speaker (see below) and next week's speaker, **Randall Atcheson**, who will actually be not a speaker but a concert pianist who will perform selections from his Carnegie Hall concert.



### FUN AND GAMES

**TENNIS:** JOHN KNIGHT and PETER ORBANOSKI were the winners on court 1; and RON FRIEDMAN and PETER UHRY won on court 2. RON FRIEDMAN will be next week's Captain.

**BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported 14 players. JAMES CHUNG was first with 4130 points, BRUNO SCHRAGE was second with 3180, and WALKER COLLINS was third with 2710.

**GOLF:** KIP SCHULZE reported that 12 golfers completed 18 holes. Two players scored below 100 and three more below 90. **PETER UHRY was closest to the pin on #15.** KIP SCHULZE was closest on #15 and PETER UHRY hit the longest drive on #17.



### TODAY'S SPEAKER

**Dr. Joel Blatt**, Professor of European History at UConn, gave us a very interesting lecture dealing with the question of whether, or to what degree, the financial penalties imposed on Germany by the Versailles peace treaty at the end of World War I were too severe, and became a primary motivating factor for Germany to precipitate World War II.

The treaty called for Germany to pay reparations on the order of \$20 billion (in 1921 dollars) over a period of time, but only about \$3 billion were actually paid up to the time of the depression, after which time further payments were suspended. Thus the amount actually paid did not have sufficient impact to explain Germany's motivations. However, the hardships originally imposed – whether actually realized or not -- greatly hurt Germany's pride. Hitler was able later to capitalize on the German people's persistent resentment of the treaty.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Spouses, Candidates and Guests. Checks payable to the RMA. Contact MIKE FERRARESE 203 554-0678, [myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com) or ABBEY SMOLER 203 531-0236 [abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com)

**GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE:** “Chasing Rainbows, The Judy Garland Story”. October 27, 2016. Lunch at the Gelston House, \$115.00pp. Bus departs St Catherine’s at 10.0AM. Status: 29 places available.

MIKE FERRARESE commented on the very favorable reaction of the participants in the prior trip to President Teddy Roosevelt’s home, and the luncheon in Oyster Bay.

**NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER**

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