



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc.  
37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT 06830



[www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org)

Chair/Editor: **Joe Mancinelli**

Scribes: **Av Rivel, Arnold Gordon, Ed Farrell, Gerry Lessuk, George Stockbridge,**  
**Joe Mancinelli, Chet Risio, Frank Scarpa, Tim Brooks**  
Archivist: **Tad Larrabee** Format: **Jack Cuff, Andrzej Mazurek, Len Carusi**  
Print/Distribution: **Joe Mancinelli**

**VOLUME 68 NUMBER 13 OCTOBER 7, 2020**

**SCRIBE: AV RIVEL**

*"When you're in the minority, talk; when you're in the majority, vote!"*

Roger Sherman -CT Senator 1791-1793

At 10:00, head zoomer **HORST TEBBE** pushed a button and the sounds of the RMA song wafted over the internet to the members gathered around their electronic devices. At the song's completion president **RUSS HARDEN** officially opened the meeting and invited **JOE MANCINELLI** to lead the pledge. Hand on heart **JOE** led the membership in a strong, clear voice while the Stars and Stripes proudly waved on the screen.

**ARNOLD GORDON** took the speakers screen to report:

1. Sadly, last week that a long-time member, **JACK POOLE**, had died on September 27th. **RUSS HARDEN** will present a memorial at next week's meeting.
2. Mail-in ballots should have been received by all who had requested them, and that although the return envelope is postage free for regular mailing, they can be dropped off in the special Ballot Boxes at Town Hall and Police Headquarters.
3. For lovers of classical music, tune in for free to the first virtual gala concert of the Stamford Symphony on Saturday, October 24th at 7:30pm. Nice program: Grieg, Bach, Beethoven, and Dvorak. Register at <http://www.stamfordsymphony.org/>.

**AV RIVEL**, moi, this week's designated laugh inducer then told two stores about very special animals.

It was then **PETER STERN's** turn to give his usual stirring membership report: 64 attendees, no guests.

#### Birthday List

<b>GERRY</b>	<b>MAYFIELD</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>ARTHUR</b>	<b>STAMPLEMAN</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>HECTOR</b>	<b>ARZENO</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>ANDY</b>	<b>HOLMES</b>	<b>64</b>

The singing of *Happy Birthday* followed.

**PETER** repeated his plea to have all members sign into the Zoom meeting with their full names to make identification easier during the meeting:

**Please:** log into the meeting with both the First Name that you go by and your Last name. It is part of the Zoom Fellowship to let the others know who you are.

The Treasurer's report was then presented by **JEFF JUNKER**.

1. **JEFF** received dues from one additional member bringing our total paid members for the year to 216.

2. **TAD LARRABEE and JEFF** closed the organization's "wealth management account" with UBS and transferred the \$30,000 principle we had invested in "CD's" plus the \$726 in earnings into the RMA business checking account at CHASE bank. The business checking is now the only account the organization has and totals just over \$72,000.

**MICHAEL AMBROSINO** gave the good Visiting news that no one was in the hospital or rehab.

There being no Human-Interest Stories on the agenda; **RUSS HARDEN** promised stories of the "Fabulous Farquards" sometime soon. Stay tuned.

**BOB MEANY** provided a heads' up on this week's speaker, Roberto Lenton emeritus professor at University of Nebraska and a leading international expert on water management. More at the end of this CBB.

**STEVE MYERS** reported that next week's speaker would be Joseph Cirincione, a leading authority on nuclear policy and former president of Ploughshares Fund, a global security foundation. "National Security and Nuclear Policy after the 2020 Election."

## FUN AND GAMES

**Golf: PAUL CAMPION** - A beautiful day for the 5 foursomes competing in our 4-BALL outing. A special "thank you" to **MICHAELL AMBROSINO** for providing his support to **PAUL** with the organizing this event as well as the tournament format.



The winning foursome: **Gross (71) JIM DEAN, (Captain) GRAN BURGESS, PETER UHRY and BOB MORGAN** The runner-up team was **GEOFF BURGE (Captain) JOHN CRAINE, BOB PHILLIPS, and JOE MANCINELLI.**



**PAT YUEN** won closest to the pin on #7 and longest drive went to **TONY FITZPATRICK**.



The Chairman's Award went to **JOHN CRAINE** for his contribution to the golf program, especially the scheduling. Also noted was the news that **MARK FOX** recently won the Super Senior Golf Championship at the GRIFF's Men's League.

We had 26 for the very up-tempo lunch, under the awning, on what turned out to be a fun day. Next week back to normal. we will start at 8:20 am. get those names into **PAUL** as usual.

**Tennis- ANDRE MAZUREK** served up the tennis news: 1st round winners: **DON DREISMEISTER & ANDRE MAZUREK**, 2ND ROUND: **STEVE STEIN & ANDRE MAZUREK**, 3RD ROUND: **JOHN KNIGHT & ANDRE MAZUREK**.

**Tai Chi – WILL MORRISON** gave a balanced report. Improve your Balance and Flexibility and your golf and tennis games, according to **GRANVILLE BURGESS** and **GEOFFREY BURGE**. Monday and Wednesday at 3:00

Tai Chi Zoom info:

<https://zoom.us/j/99622029436>

Meeting ID: 996 2202 9436

Passcode: raisehands

Private individual and small group sessions are available. [wdmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:wdmorrison@gmail.com)

**Walking** -**TAD LARRABEE** reported that the Walkers had one of their more challenging walks in the Zofnass Family Preserve just over the NY border, but the fall foliage was limited. This week, they will visit the Mianus River Gorge Preserve in Bedford, NY and hope for better color! (contact [tadlarra@optonline.net](mailto:tadlarra@optonline.net) for details)

**Hearts** – **DON CONWAY** reported **MICHAEL AMBROSINO, JOHN STANKUNAS, TOM HEALY,** and **DON CONWAY** played 5 games. **DON CONWAY, TOM HEALY,** and **JOHN STANKUNAS** each won one game with **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** winning the last 2 games. Moon shots, **MICHAEL,** and **DON** each had one.

**Bridge** – **ANDRE MAZUREK** -Last week's winners, 1st place: **ED MASTOLOLONI** with 3930, 2nd place: **ANDRE MAZUREK,** 2830, 3rd place **JOHN FEBLES ,**2030.

**Fun and Games** having been fully reported, President **HARDEN,** prior to adjourning the meeting asked "*any questions or comments?*"

**ARNOLD GORDON** asked if he had anything to report from this morning's Board meeting.

**RUSS** reported that the Board discussed the possibility of using some of the budget surplus to make a charitable donation of some sort. **TOM HEALY** asked if a scholarship to a Greenwich High School graduating senior might be considered. **RUSS** agreed to bring it up to the Board for consideration of "what to do with the surplus". **TOM** then asked if the Board was considering seeking 501 3c status. A spirited discussion ensued there being many pros and cons brought to light.

**GEOFFRY BURGE,** volunteer hours chair took center camera and stated:

"Volunteering is an important element of RMA activities.

During our face to face meetings we would record the volunteer hours as members walked in. The last time we recorded these hours was on March 11. We end our recording period for volunteer hours on September 30 each year. Could members *please* send their hours from March 11 to September 30 to [gburgesydney@gmail.com](mailto:gburgesydney@gmail.com) as soon as possible."

## **THIS WEEKS SPEAKER**

Roberto Lenton

"Food, Water and Global Development"

Professor Lenton's talk focused on efforts that began as research on, how to better feed the growing world population through breeding better yielding and disease resistant basic crops, wheat, rice etc. These efforts evolved into managing water supplies at the local level, and then expanded to managing water supplies at the aquifer level. These efforts led to the

establishment of international research centers, mostly in the developing world. It turns out that the state of Nebraska has a huge aquifer and is a major user of water for irrigation. It is the largest number of acres under irrigation in the U.S. and larger than some countries, including Australia. It is no surprise that Professor Lenton's former school, the University of Nebraska is a major player in water use and development research. An inciteful RMA Q & A followed his talk.

### **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

*National Security and Nuclear Policy after the 2020 Election."*

**Joseph Cirincione**, a leading authority on nuclear policy and former president of Ploughshares Fund, a global security foundation.

**NOTE TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS:** next week's CBB scribe will be **ARNOLD GORDON**. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to **ARNOLD** at [ajgordo@verizon.net](mailto:ajgordo@verizon.net).

**NOTE TO RMA Members:** The CBB Team works every week to write and publish an informative and concise bulletin for our members enjoyment. We can truly use new members to join the CBB Team. Please contact **JOE MANCINELLI** at [jlmanc@optonline.net](mailto:jlmanc@optonline.net) if you are interested in supporting this continuing effort.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc. · 37 Lafayette Place · Greenwich, CT 06830 · USA  
Visit our website at [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org).