



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"It's a terrible waste to be happy and not notice it" - Kurt Vonnegut*

President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** tried shouting "now hear this" to call the unruly members to order, it was no more effective than ringing the bell. The order was come to at a few minutes after 10 am. **Captain MIKE HAYDEN** did double duty by leading the Pledge and Song Leading for *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Guest song leader **GEOFF BURGE**, a native Aussie, prefaced leading *Waltzing Mathilda* by explaining the many esoteric words embedded therein. The whole thing was stage-managed and accompanied by musical-maven **Dr. GEORGE UBOGY**. Corresponding Secretary **AV RIVEL** shared a humorous fairy tale about rats and politicians.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Returnees: **JEFF JUNKER** from Prague and more. **GERRY GIBIAN** from Sicily.

**MIKE AMBROSINO** – If you bring used clothing in good condition to the meeting, he will get it to Covenant House.

**PETER UHRY** – Has parking passes for anyone who needs one, see him. He also gave a head's up on a special program at the Greenwich Library. On October 16<sup>th</sup> the RMA speaker will be Ernie Fleishman speaking on *Teaching in a Challenging Age...Separating Fact from Fiction in the Digital Age*. Ernie will be conducting a round table discussion at the Library at 2:30. The event is free, but seating is limited, and you must register in advance on the Library Web Page.

**STEVE MYERS** – The photos from Daryl Hawk’s talk on Columbia have been enhanced on the RMA Website. He recommends you check them out.

**FRANK LEE** – Asked for a show of hands of members who might be interested in a popularly priced ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) program in the spring. There were quite a few and he promised more details after the turn of the year.

**RUSS HARDEN** -Plugged the Dinner-which-is-really-a-Luncheon but is referred to as the Banquet on November 18. He is looking for more table captains. He also touted the new RMA trifold brochure which has been updated to reflect the new look of the RMA.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: **JACK WEIR** previewed today’s talk by **Donna DeVerona Pinto**, an Olympic gold medal winner in swimming at age 17 who went on to become one of the first woman sportscasters, and an advocate for woman athletes. She will talk about her life.

**JERRY SCHWENDEMAN**- Announced that next week’s speaker would be **Connecticut Attorney General, William Tong** on *Enforcement Actions against Generic Drug Manufacturers and the Opioid Crisis*.

VISITING: **MIKE AMBROSINO** announced good news, no ails to report. He asked all to keep him informed when you learn of a member with medical problems.

MEMBERSHIP- **PETER STERN** substituted for **ED FARRELL** who was scheduled to substitute for **HORST TEBBE**. **PETER** did a great job as a rookie membership person. The Numbers: 120 members, 1 Candidate and 5 Guests. The candidate is also today’s inductee and will be identified below. Guests: Al Stratta, g/o **MIKE AMBROSINO**, Tom Higgins g/o **BOB STRONG**, Tim Brooks g/o **AV RIVEL**, Ed Mastiloni, g/o **ED PARKER** and **PETER STERN** and Bill Featherson g/o **PETER UHRY** and **PETER STERN**. Members who were serenaded on their natal day were, **PETER CARSTENSEN**, 72, **GEOF BURGE**, 62, **BILL HORN**, 86, **GARY MILLER**, 81, and **GERRY MAYFIELD**, 84. Felicitations to all!!  
INDUCTEE: **PAT YUEN** - Sponsored by **FRANK SCARPA** and **MIKE RYAN** (represented by the

ubiquitous **PETER STERN**.) He has lived in Riverside since 1999. A Graduate of Fordham and NYU Graduate School of Business, his business career included Senior positions in Risk Management and New Business Development with a list of companies that include many of the big names in Banking and Financial services. In town he is actively involved in coaching baseball and squash, taking his GHS and Middle School teams to the Nationals. He also plays golf. His acceptance to membership was unanimous. Welcome Aboard **PAT!**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS: HAROLD KUPLESKY** voluntarily reported the volunteer numbers: 449 outside hours by 46 men, 197 RMA hours by 34 men with the highest number of hours for the week going to **MIKE AMOROSO** who accumulated 75 hours.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: DON CONWAY** – Reported the upcoming events which are found in their usual place at the end of this report.

### LET THE GAMES BEGIN

**Bridge:** **RON MURRAY** reported that there were 6 players (3 teams of 2), 1<sup>st</sup> **RON FRIEDMAN & FRANK LEE** 1600, 2<sup>ND</sup> **JOHN FEBLES & JOHN HOFFMAN** 1000, 3<sup>rd</sup> **ANDRE MAZUREK & RON MURRAY** 980. **RON** put out the call for more players for a fun and low-pressure game.

**Indoor Tennis:** **MIKE AMBROSINO** served up the results: Winners on Court 1 - **RANDY MOTLAND** and **RALPH NEWITTER**, Court 2 - **MIKE AMBROSINO** and **PETER UHRY**. Next week's captain will be **MIKE SMITH**.

**Pickleball /Outdoor tennis:** **GEOF BURGE** said on Monday, there were 8 players and 12 on Thursday. Games are usually played on Monday 8:30-10:00 and Thursday 9:00-11:00.

**Hearts:** **MIKE AMBROSINO** reported 4 tables, 16 players. Winners: **JOHN STANKUNAS (2), LEN SAARI (2), GRANT PERKINS, JACK SWEGER, CHARLIE GRAVES, PETER BERG, GEORGE DIPPY, ANDY HOLMES,** and **JOHN KNIGHT**. Moon Shooters: **JOHN STANKUNAS (2), GRANT PERKINS (2)** and **JIM DEAN**. Next week's Captain: **MIKE AMBROSINO**

**Golf:** **JIM SANTORA** reported 18 players, 9 shot under 100, low man was **RALPH VIGGIANO** with a 90, Closest to pin on #7 was **GEOF BURGE**, closest to pin on #15 was **MIKE AMBROSINO** Longest drive on #17 was **RALPH VIGGIANO**.

**Tai Chi: WILL MORRISON** announced classes continue Mondays and Wednesdays.

### **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 canceled. Buses depart from the St. Catherine Church parking lot on Riverside Avenue opposite the Church. Contact persons are listed with each event.

[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](http://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**.  
*Previews of coming attractions:* *January-Westchester Dinner Theatre*, February-*Goodspeed Opera House*, March *NY Philharmonic*, Fall 2020, *West Point and Football Game*

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

**Donna DeVerona Pinto** held the world's record in the 400 Meter Individual Medley in swimming at age 13, won her first Olympic Gold Medal at 17 and later became one of the first women sportscasters on network television. Not content with these accomplishments she became a champion for women athletes around the world and Title IX. Her talk was unusual for an RMA speaker. RMA member **DAVID WEISBROD** interviewed Ms. Pinto and she replied, ad lib, with some accompanying slides. The talk focused on three areas; her life as an athlete, her life as a sportscaster, her life as an advocate for women athletes and securing their place in the world of sports and compensation. Her answers were peppered with personal anecdotes sprinkled with contacts with people whose names we all know. She was warmly applauded at the conclusion of the interview.

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

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## RMA 2019 Calendar

<b>Weekly Repetitive Activities</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
<b>RMA Special Events</b>			
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