

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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The Greenwich Retired Men's Association celebrated its Sixty-Fourth Annual Dinner at the Tamarack Country Club on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018. It was a well-attended, warm and cordial affair, thoroughly enjoyed by both members and guests.

JERRY SCHWENDEMAN was the Master of Ceremonies, he opened the event with a gracious introduction and welcome to all the attendees.

Prior to the meal, JIM BUTLER provided an invocation. BOB BISHOP led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by TOM HEALY with the Star-Spangled Banner, accompanied by **BOB MORGAN** on piano.

Past RMA Presidents were duly recognized and those present were asked to provide a photo opportunity on the front stage.

DON CONWAY TOM HEALY PETER **UHRY** RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW **RALPH VIGGIANO MIKE**

RYAN

BOB PHILLIPS JOHN

CRAINE

GEORGE SHADDOCK SAM

MARASSO

As the first course was being enjoyed by all, **JERRY** entertained us with a story about an eighty-five-year-old lady visiting her doctor for her annual physical.

Outstanding Service Award winners for this year were announced as: **DON CONWAY, PETER UHRY** and **RALPH VIGGIANO.**

The RMA takes great pride in one of its key tenets of "Community Service", accordingly, RICH BISK announced the members receiving the 2018 Volunteer Awards as: TAD LARRABEE with 1096 hours, MICHAEL AMBROSINO with 944 hours, and CHET RISIO with 913 hours. For the first time, a new title of RMA Volunteer Emeritus was bestowed upon DON CONWAY.

The RMA President, **TAD LARRABEE**, delivered a heartfelt message emphasizing the fact that one of the many redeeming features of the Retired Men's Association is that it provides a setting for men to transition from their life long careers and apply their skill, experience and knowledge towards enjoyment, community service and fellowship.

Following a delicious desert, the crowd was treated to some musical entertainment from the RMA's Melody Men, let by **TOM HEALY** with **BOB MORGAN** on piano.

The affair was warmly concluded with **TOM HEALY** asking everyone to join in the traditional farewell tune of *Till We Meet Again*. It was one of **CHUCK STANDARD's** favorites and reflects of his incredible positive attitude.

A much deserved thank you goes to **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** as the Chairman and organizer of this year's Annual Dinner, it was a smashing success. An additional thank you goes out to his committee and support team:

RUSS HARDEN Vice Chairman
PETER STERN Reception Table
MICHAEL AMBROSINO Table Flowers

DON CONWAY, TAD LARRABEE Administrative

Advisors

Bev Smith Program

Administrator

JACK WEIR Greeter
GARY MILLER Greeter
JIM BOARDMAN Greeter