

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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## We are Paris!

Once again, President RALPH VIGGIANO opened the meeting, calling on KURT SCHAFFIR to lead the recitation of the pledge. ERF PORTER, with JIM SANTORA on the key board, led the singing of *America the Beautiful*, *Shine on Harvest Moon*, and *This Land Is Your Land*. SERGE GABRIEL invited us to join the Alliance Francaise on Friday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m. on the steps of Town Hall, to raise the French flag honoring those lost in the terrorist attacks in Paris. Corresponding Secretary JOHN HARRIS told a funny story.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PETER UHRY introduced Betsy Underhill, who delivered an enthusiastic introduction to the new game of Pickle Ball. JOHN FEBLES is looking for volunteers for the Salvation Army's Christmas program, helping people in desperate need. JOHN deCSEPEL asked us to let him know if any of us had people visiting over the holidays who could have interesting stories to tell the RMA. **Returnees** are JIM BUTLER from Santa Fe; SAM MARASSO from Keene, NH; REID McINTYRE from Charleston and Hilton Head, and KURT SCHAFFIR from Portugal.

**MEMORIAL:** BILL DYNAN spoke of BILL EUSTIS, who passed away last month. Born in Birmingham, Michigan, EUSTIS graduated from Harvard Law School, and served in the Korean War. He practiced law with LOOK magazine and The New York Times, and in private practice. He moved with his family to Greenwich in the 1960's. He was publisher of Cornell Magazine, and a board member of Abilis in Greenwich. He is survived by his wife Martha, two children and two grandchildren.

**COMMITTEES:** CHUCK STANDARD was happy to report that none of our members are in a hospital or in rehab at this time. **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported there were 109 members in attendance, plus four candidates – Bill Caporizza, Rick Holz, Mike Ferrarise, and Jack Galvin. There was one guest: Paul Campion, guest of MIKE RYAN. There were no less than 16 birthday boys: TONY DiROLLO, 88; BOB McKAY, 83; GEORGE PATTERSON, 89; PAUL LEVINE, 75; DON CONWAY, 78; JIM STARKWEATHER, 92; BILL WIGGIN, 88; JOHN CALABRO, 87; FRANK

ALBRIZIO, 87; BILL CLEWORTH, 88; STEVE MYERS, 79; PETE ARTURI, 89; JACK BAUSMAN, 92; FRANK LEE, 85; CORY DUNHAM, 88; and ARNOLD STANCELL, 79. **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** JOHN FEBLES reported 719 hours for outside agencies by 53 members; and 123 hours for RMA activities by 24 members. ERF PORTER reported the most hours – 69. **BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported 12 bridge players. WAYNE DeVRIES was first with 2860, KURT SCHAFFIR second with 2690, and GRANT PERKINS third with 2590. Tennis winners were RON FRIEDMAN and MICHAEL AMOROSO on Court 1; and PETER STREICH and MICHAEL SMITH on Court 2. For golf, RALPH VIGGIANO announced a lifetime achievement award for BILL MALARA, who, over 20 years, maintained a handicap of 11, and an average score of 82; made a hole-in-one on the 11<sup>th</sup>; and made three two's in one round.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** JOHN CARON introduced **Chris Winters**, the Head Master of Greenwich High School, who gave us an excellent review of the operation of the Greenwich school system. The basic objective is to prepare students to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Mr. Winters focused on three areas: 1. What do students need to know -- what knowledge and skills will they need. 2. What should be their attitudinal beliefs, their understanding that, whatever may be their limitations, they can improve through study. And 3. The need to avoid distractions that detract from the educational process. Giving each high school student his or her own Chrome Book computer greatly facilitates communication between teachers and students, and access to information. Eighty percent of Greenwich students go on to college. He also touched on the importance of pre-school programs. The schools provide a wide variety of courses and activities for all levels of academic achievement. (Program attendance was 120.)

**Kurt Schaffir**, Scribe of the Week

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### January 14: N.Y. Philharmonic Rehearsal

The bus will leave from St. Catherine's at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be at the Atlantic Grill. \$85 per person. Wait listed.

Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks payable to the RMA

## NEXT WEEK

**Volunteer Day:** Representatives from Call-a-Ride, Meals on Wheels, “Red Barons” at Greenwich Hospital, the RTM and the Book Exchange will each tell us about their volunteer work and about a volunteer’s “Day in the Life’ experiences.

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