

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time
and your government when it deserves it".....Mark Twain*

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President **TAD LARRABEE** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and in a display of multitasking, assumed the role of pledge leader: pinch-hitting for the scheduled PL who was a no-show. The communal singing ably led by the dynamic duo of **JERRY** (with a J) **SCHWENDEMAN** and **JIM SANTORA** included "You're a Grand Old Flag," "When You're Smiling" and the "Christmas Song"; the one about roasting chestnuts. Jokester de-jour **RICH BISK** told a couple of humorous tales about growing old. President **LARRABEE** welcomed the returnees ; **RON MURRAY** from Israel, Italy and Greece, **BILL O'DONNELL** from Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and **PETER STERN** all the way from Rochester, NY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PETER UHRY reported that RMA caps would be available for \$13 (just missed cyber Monday sale), if there were at least 6 orders. See **PETER**.

JOHN FEBLES is looking for men to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

HORST TEBBE informed us that RMA Member **GENE SCHWARTZ** has written and published a 734 page book titled "Three Religions One God –A compendium of Historical Accounts of the three Abrahamic Religions-Judaism, Christianity and Islam" It is available from **GENE** for \$15.

DON HERMANN announced that he was organizing a private tour of the Sherry and Joel Mallin Art Collection in Pound Ridge NY. The tour is limited to 30 people and will be held in the spring. He warned that it was a 3-hour tour. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

COMMITTEES

VISITING: **WAYNE WRIGHT** happily reported that **JOE MANCINELLI** is recovering from successful heart surgery and hopes to be home next week. **GRANT PERKINS** is due to come home from Witherell on Thursday and hopes to be at the YMCA on Monday for bridge.

PROGRAM: **ARNOLD GORDON** informed us that today's speaker will be Joel Seligmann, professional photographer, who will speak about Mining, Refining and Restoring Photographic Images in the Digital Age. **HOLLISTER STURGES** gave a head's up on next week's speaker, Professor Jason Chang, PHD of UCONN, who will speak on "Stages of U.S. Immigration from Colony to Empire", a particularly timely topic.

MEMBERSHIP: **HORST TEBBE** reported 95 members, and 3 guests present at today's meeting. The third guest arrived just as **HORST** was reporting, so we have no data on him. Known guests are: Peter Junius, guest of **PETER BERG** and Arthur Stapleman, guest of **JIM FISHBEIN**.

Men for whom "**Happy Birthday**" was sung included **ROGER CLARK-72**, **ROBERT WHITBY-78**, **GIG CHELWICK -93**, **FRED BROOKS-84**, **TED SPOOL-88** and **WILL MORRISON 69**. Happy Candles, Guys!

VOLUNTEER HOURS; **GERRY** (with a G) **MAYFIELD** read out the numbers for the past week: 361 outside hours by 34 men and 151 RMA hours by 25 men. High man for the week **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** with 42 accumulated hours.

SPECIAL EVENTS-ABBEY SMOLER reminded the details of the first two trips of 2019 which are found below. He then shared the *tentative* schedule of events to follow:

March – Greenwich Historical Society –

April – "Music Man" at Goodspeed Opera.

May – Cloisters

June – Belmont and maybe NY Botanical Garden.

THE SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE: **JOHN FEBLES** shuffled to podium and reported the scores for November 21: **JOHN HOFFMAN** 2270, **RALPH VIGGIANO** 2020, **TONY COCCHI** 1830 and **KURT SCHAFFIR** 1400.

TENNIS: **JOHN KNIGHT** served up the winners of last week's **JOHN KNIGHT** and games. Court 1 – **MIKE WARREN** and **GEOFF BURGE** COURT 2 –**GERRY** (with a G) **GIBIAN**. Next week's captain: **GERRY GIBIAN**.

HEARTS: **CHARLIE GRAVES** dealt up the scores.

Table 1 – **CHARLIE GRAVES** and **JACK SWEGER** Table 2 – **JOHN KNIGHT** and **LOU TROVATO**. Moon Shots : **JACK SWEGER** 1 and **LOU TROVATO** 3 . Way to go, **LOU!**

TAI CHI: **WILL MORRISON** reported that there will be Walk Classes on Monday and Thursday at 3 pm at the Senior Center, through December 14th.

WALKERS: **DON HERMANN** announced that for the winter, walks would be held weather permitting. He will contact walkers each week for a year or so for that week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

*Special Events are open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be cancelled. **Contact person is listed for each event.***

NY Philharmonic Rehearsal, Jan. 10, 2019 - \$115 Lunch @ Atlantic Grill, across the street from Lincoln Center. Bus leaves St Catherine's at 8:00am – 2 seats open
Contact: **GERRY LESSUK** 203-698-9451

Elmsford Dinner Theatre, Feb 14, 2019, "Aint Misbehavin" \$95 includes lunch at the theatre. Bus leaves St Cath – TBD – 9 seats open Contact: **ABBEY SMOLER** – 203-531-0236

TODAY'S SPEAKER

ARNOLD GORDON introduced **Joel Seligmann, a professional photographer and educator** who spoke on "**Mining, Refining and Restoring Photographic Images in the Digital Age.**"

He spoke about the evolution of photography from film to digital media, which is now ubiquitous. He called the digital revolution as equal in cultural impact as Gutenberg's printing press. A recurrent theme was "take lots of pictures". Adherence to this motto results in large numbers of images and "how do you store, and catalog them?" He suggested a program called "Lightroom" by Adobe.

He mentioned other uses of digital photography, a basic tool for Google Maps and weather study and more.

Joel demonstrated the results of editing several images, to remove unwanted elements, or improve lighting or combining images. He uses Photoshop by Adobe for editing.

An informing and stimulating talk was followed by a short, but brisk Q & A

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Next week the RMA will welcome **Professor Jason Chang PhD**, Associate professor of History and Asian American Studies at UCONN.

His topic: ***Stages of U.S. Immigration, from colony to empire.***