



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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The RMA met, with TAD LARRABEE presiding over the post-holiday meeting, in the Parish Hall of Christ Church.

After JOE DOWLING led the pledge to the flag, DON CONWAY, with BOB MORGAN on the keyboard, led the singing of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, *Jingle Bells*, and *Auld Lang Syne*.

Corresponding Secretary TOM HEALY regaled us with two stories. One was about a woman who was told that she had to take her medication for the rest of her life, but found the prescription was marked "not renewable." The other was about a father's warning to his son, a surgeon, who was about to perform an operation on him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DECEMBER 19 CBB: GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, last week's scribe, and CHET RISIO, the CBB's weekly reviewer, offered an apology to the MELODY MEN and their Director TOM HEALY for comments in the CBB on the group's performance, which were meant to be humorous but didn't necessarily seem so to all readers.
2. VOLUNTEER HOURS: ALAN GUNZBURG reported 860 outside hours by 30 members, and 77 inside hours by 9 members. JOHN FEBLES was top volunteer with 69 hours. ALAN noted that the MELODY MEN's fall 2018 program

was comprised of five rehearsals and 14 performances totaling 626 hours by 18 men.

3. **TAX PREPARATION:** The AARP Foundation Tax Aide program is in need of volunteers. No prior knowledge of tax law is expected. Training is provided at the Senior Center during January. Tax work begins in February and ends April 15. In Greenwich about 200 returns are prepared and submitted. To volunteer, contact MARTIN WAINE at 203-326-1722, or mwaine@optonline.net.

4. **THE SALVATION ARMY:** JOHN FEBLES reported that \$1279 was collected on December 14, 15 and 16, thanks to the kettle bell ringers.

5. **PROGRAM:** HOLLISTER STURGES announced today's program – a performance by THE ANGEL CHOIR, directed by Pamela Kuhn (see below). CHARLIE ADAMS told us that next week's speaker will be David Hudson, PH.D., Chief Research Scientist at the Marine Aquarium in Norwalk, with a focus on the oceans.

FUN AND GAMES

BRIDGE: JOHN FEBLES reported that on December 12 there were eight players. RALPH VIGGIANO was first with 3900, GRANT PERKINS was second with 3620, and TONY COCCHI was third with 3370. On December 19 there were five players. KURT SCHAFFIR was first with 5380, ANDRE MAZUREK was second with 3100, and JOHN FEBLES was third with 2990.

HEARTS: There were 16 players. Winners were JOHN STANKUNAS (twice) and LOU TROVATO on Table 1; JACK WEIR on Table 2; DICK HOLZ and PETER BERG (each twice) on Table 3; and ED FARRELL and TAD LARRABEE on Table 4. Shooting the moon: PETER BERG (three times); JOHN STANKUNAS, LOU TROVATO and ED FARRELL (twice); JOHN KNIGHT, JOE DOWLING and ANDY HOLMES (once). PETER BERG will be next week's captain.

TENNIS: RON FRIEDMAN reported for December 14. The winners were GEOFFREY BURGE and ANDY HOLMES on Court 1, and ANDRE MAZUREK and RANDY MOTLAND on Court 2. On December 21 the winners were RON FRIEDMAN and TOM HEALY on Court 1, and SAM MARASSO and BOB GRAYSON on Court 2.

WALKERS: DON HERMAN advised that tomorrow the walkers plan to cover the area around the hospital, and Greenwich Avenue.

TODAY'S PERFORMANCE

THE ANGEL CHOIR is a singing group of men and women who get together once a month, under the guidance of its founder and director, Pamela Kuhn, a versatile opera

singer and voice teacher. It offers healing and support through participation in musical performances and poetry readings to people who have been impacted by cancer. No audition is required and no one is turned away.

The program started with Christmas carols and continued with a variety of familiar numbers ranging from Bach to Bernstein. Ms. Kuhn invited RMA members to join in the singing, and then put the group into motion with *Dancing Queen* and *Dance With Me*. The program ended with everybody joining in *Silent Night*. It was a most pleasant affair and everybody enjoyed and appreciated it.

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