

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"The sinews of war are infinite money" - Cicero

President **JOE MANCINELLI**, began the business meeting at 9:45 calling upon **DON ROTZIEN** to lead the pledge. **DON** was followed in the spotlight by musical miracle men **JIM BUTLER** and **BOB MORGAN** who let the assembled in singing our National Anthem, "I'm Looking Over (a Four Leafed Clover)" and "You Made Me Love You."

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

President **JOE**:

Reminded members that annual dues were due, \$100, brought to the meeting or sent by mail to **JEFF JUNKER** at 9 Tree Top Terrace, Greenwich CT 06831.

Gave a heads' up that due to a scheduling conflict with the church, the August 3 meeting would be "ZOOM only".

Reminded the group that a copy of the 2022-2023 budget was posted on the bulletin board for all to review. It comes down next week.

Congratulated **TOM HEALY** and the Melody Men for singing the National Anthem at the Greenwich Town Party. A video of the performance followed. He also thanked those who made RMA participation in the Memorial Day Parade a success.



The RMA Melody Men at the Greenwich Town Party



Our dapper "President Joe" at the GTP, and in the Memorial Day Parade

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON ROTZIEN reminded hungry RMAers that the next ROMEO lunch will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 1:00 pm at Greenwich Point. We will use the tables behind the second concession stand. Bring your own lunch and make some new friends. You need a beach card, but if you don't have one, just tell the guard that you're there for the ROMEO lunch.

PETER UHRY urged participation in the Community Cleanup Day project to rehabilitate the waterfall at Greenwich High School on Saturday, June 18, from 11 am to 1 pm. No registration is required, just show up at the eastern corner of Greenwich High School (facing East Putnam Avenue). Long pants and socks are recommended.

ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN said that there was just one opening left for the RMA tour of Pepsi Sculpture Gardens on Thursday, June 23. Those wishing to sign up for the last available spot, or to be placed on the waiting list, or to cancel their reservation and make room for a wait-listed person, should contact **DON CONWAY** (spiderduck4@gmail.com).

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

ARNOLD GORDON stepped up to inform the gathered of some entertainment opportunities in town. The Town of Greenwich sponsors a Wednesday night concert series from June 29th to August 24th, usually at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. All concerts will start at 7:00 pm with a rain date of the next day. For more details:

<https://greenwichfreepress.com/around-town/arts/greenwich-parks-rec-announces-summer-concert-series-2022-181484/>

Starting this Friday, June 3rd, the very popular Friday night film series will resume at the Greenwich Library after covid-darkness for two years. The schedule can be found here:

<https://www.greenwichlibrary.org/friends-friday-films/>

Electric vehicles seem to be all the rage these days. At Expo 2022, featuring cars, bikes and landscape vehicles, you can learn a lot and even take a test drive. It will be held on Saturday, June 18, from 11 am to 3 pm in the parking lot of the Cos Cob train station. There will be ample parking. For more info, contact Aleksandra Moch from the conservation commission at (203) 622-6461 or Aleksandra.Moch@greenwichct.org

Unable to leave the limelight without attempts to be humorous, **ARNOLD** reflected on old age with a few short quotes. This is an un-curated sample.

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - Mark Twain

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." – Robert Orben

"The older I get, the better I used to be." – Lee Trevino

"You know you are getting old when everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work." - Hy Gardner

He then introduced the veteran jokester, **AV RIVEL**, who shared a shaggy dog story about a very rare medical condition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visiting: There was no visiting report

Membership: **PETER STERN** did his usual credible job in reporting the numbers and other interesting facts about our members. There were 68 present in-person, 11 on Zoom, and no guests, for a total attendance of 79. The one returnee was **PETER UHRY** from Germantown, TN. Locals on Zoom included **PETE ARTURI**, **ED FARRELL**, **JIM LOCKHART** and **DOUG TAYLOR**, while **RICK HOLZ** and **FRANK SCARPA** beamed in from Florida.

Our birthday boy was **ERF PORTER**, 86. Happy Natal Day, **ERF**!

Volunteer Hours: **JOHN FEBLES** read the numbers:

Outside hours - 142 by 16 men

RMA Hours - 52 by 12 men

High Scorer - **ANDERS EKERNAS**, 22 hours.

Program: **HOLLISTER STURGES** gave the heads' up on this week's speaker, Edward (Ted) Farley Aldrich, amateur historian and international banker, on his first book *The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and the Extraordinary Collaboration that Won*

World War II. **BOB PHILLIPS** previewed next week's speaker, Larry Kantor, Ph.D, economist, and former managing director and global head of research at Barclays, speaking on "Implications of High Inflation for the Economy and Financial Markets." This will be Kantor's seventh appearance at the RMA podium.

SPORTS PAGES

Golf: **PETER STERN**, in his own inimitable way, tabularized outcomes in the last RMA golf outing:

16 Golfers		
11 @ 18 Holes -5 @ 9 Holes		
Challenge Holes		
Closest to the Pin # 5	no	winner
Closest to the Pin # 7	GRAN	BURGESS
Longest Drive on # 8	MICHAEL	ROSS
Closest to the Pin # 15	JAY	SCHONDORF
Breaking 100		
90	TONY	FITZPATRICK
94	PETER	TUNLEY
95	GRAN	BURGESS
99	MARK	FOX
99	PAT	YUEN
Next Week's Captain	MIKE	RYAN

Hearts: **JOHN STANKUNAS** dealt the results. Winners were **PETER BERG** (3), **JOE DOWLING** (1), **JOHN KNIGHT** (1), **TOM HEALY** (1). Moon shots were by **TOM HEALY** (2), **PETER BERG** (1), **JOHN STANKUNAS** (1), **JOE DOWLING** (1). Next week's captain is **JACK SWEGER**.

Bridge: **JOHN FEBLES** shuffled to the podium to report top scorers. **GRANT PERKINS** (first time out for him), 3450, **TONY COCCHI**, 2950, **ED MASTOLONI**, 2750.

Walkers and Talkers: **TAD LARRABEE** strode to the front of the room to report that last Thursday, six walkers enjoyed an exceptional walk in the Cranberry Lake Preserve near the Kensico Dam in North White Plains, one of our favorite spots for varied terrain. The woods were dry and weather perfect for a walk. We scrambled up a steep trail to the top of the stone quarry for a nice overview, with four hawks banking into the changing air currents.

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** eased into his report. Tai Chi too fast, strenuous, or strange? We are now introducing QiGong movements. QiGong originated over two thousand years ago and cultivates balance and chi, e.g. energy or life force. You can find out more at <https://experiencetaichi.org/> and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qigong>. The class meets Mondays, 9:30 in Old Greenwich. For details and to get on the mailing list, contact **WILL** at wdmorrison@gmail.com.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

HOLLISTER STURGES introduced the day's speaker, Edward "Ted" Aldrich, who was born and raised in Rowayton, CT, attended Colgate University, majoring in economics and political science, and earned an MBA in finance from Boston College. Aldrich has had a distinguished career in banking beginning at UBS with posts in New York, Zurich, and London, specializing principally in commodities. He has held senior positions at Deutsche Bank, Fortis, and Mizuho Bank, and currently works as the head of corporate development for Auramet Trading, one of the world's largest physical precious metals merchants.

As a serious amateur historian Aldrich's interests centered on World War II. In his first book *The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and the Extraordinary Collaboration that Won World War II*, he looks at the partnership of a consummate general, George C. Marshall, and the wartime secretary of war, Henry Stimson. In one of the most consequential collaborations of the twentieth century, Marshall and Stimson led the American military effort during World War II, in roles that blended business, politics, diplomacy, and bureaucracy in addition to warfighting. With a dazzling synergy, they transformed an outdated, poorly equipped army into a well-equipped modern fighting force of millions.

The story of how this odd couple "won the war" centers not on the battlefields, but on what we call today the supply chain.

On December 7, 1941 the U.S. military was not prepared to fight a major war. It had major shortages in personnel, i.e., soldiers, sailors, airmen and officers of all types. There were not enough tanks, planes, artillery pieces, ammo or even the barracks necessary to house the army that would be required. Stimson and Marshall were instrumental in building and equipping the greatest fighting force in the world.

In addition to physical shortages, the mood in United States was mostly isolationist. It had no stomach for a large military and a general fear of a powerful industrial machine.

Aldrich spent some time talking about how Marshall and Stimson rose to their positions of power in the war effort, even before there was a war effort (prior to December 7, 1941). He talked about the other significant generals in the U.S. military, Eisenhower, Patton, Bradley, Clark and MacArthur, and how Marshall rose to the top as a staff general while the rest fought the fight and gained the glory.

Our speaker talked about the synergy that existed between the general and the Republican statesman who was a major advisor to Democratic President Franklin Roosevelt. The following gives an idea of the accomplishments of these two titans.

- Prior to December 1941 there were about two million personnel in the military. However, 16,100,000 Americans ultimately fought in the war, and 3,500,000 civilian employees of the government supported them on the home front.

- To feed the war machine American industry produced 100,000 tanks and 300,000 aircraft of all types between 1942 and 1945.

A spirited RMA Q&A followed the prepared talk.

For those interested in seeing the full presentation, go to the RMA website and click on the video at <https://vimeo.com/user9053619/videos>.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Past President **PETE UHRY** has asked that we include a few historical RMA pictures, with a question of the week. Last week's two questions were, "Who just scored a hole-in-one?" (ans: **JIM SANTORA**) and "Is that how you do it?" (ans: apparently).



If you have any pictures of past RMA activities to share, send them along!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: Scribe for the next meeting, on June 8, will be →**JOE ANGLAND**←. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to jangland@optonline.net.

ALL MEMBERS: Do not forget to report all your inside and outside volunteer hours to **JOHN FEBLES** at jfebles13@gmail.com.

ALL MEMBERS are reminded that in addition to streaming on the Internet, RMA speakers are normally shown on the local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.



ALL MEMBERS: Volunteers are needed to assist with audio, video and Zoom at our meetings. Please see **HORST TEBBE** if you can assist in this critical need.

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RMA 2022 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities*			
Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	8:45 am	QiGong and Tai Chi Workout	Will Morrison – wdmorrison@gmail.com
Mondays	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Pickleball at Christiano Park	Pat MacCarthy – pmaccarthy415@gmail.com Mark Geimer – mark.geimer@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Various tee times	RMA Golf, the Griff Golf Course, Greenwich	Mike Ryan – ryantomac@netscape.net
Tuesdays	10:00 to 11:00 am	Platform (paddle) tennis at Loughlin Field, Cos Cob	John Dean - Jhdeanco@gmail.com
Wednesdays	9:45 to 10:30 am	RMA Weekly Meeting	Horst Tebbe – onehorst@optimum.net or Len Carusi at lencarusi@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 pm	Hearts	Bob Shullman – bob.shullman@gmail.com
Wednesdays	12:30 pm	Bridge	Andre Mazurek - Mazurek.a.j@gmail.com
Thursdays	9:00 am	RMA Walking	Tad Larrabee - tadlarra@optonline.net
Thursdays	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Pickleball at Christiano Park	Pat MacCarthy – pmaccarthy415@gmail.com Mark Geimer – mark.geimer@gmail.com
Friday	1:30-3:00 pm	Tennis (resumes in fall)	Andy Holmes - Andyholmes56@gmail.com

*Day & time of some events may vary; check with contact