

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you have to keep moving" - Albert Einstein

The sixty-seventh Annual RMA Banquet was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, on a sunny day at the beautiful Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich, CT. Members and guests were greeted by at least two of the following members: **TIM BROOKS, DON CONWAY, TONY FITZPATRICK, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN**, and Sidney and **PETE UHRY**. The head greeter was **ARNOLD GORDON**.

Hors d'oeuvres were served in a room with the fireplace glowing and a panoramic view of a few holes of the golf course. Food choices included five different cheese selections, strawberries, hummus, grapes and very delicious thin sliced, specially seasoned bagels. A cash bar offered a choice of various wines, beers and liquors. In what seemed like a few minutes, the lunch bells were ringing before we could say hello to more members. I will get there next year promptly by 10:30 am.

On to the dining room at noon with nicely decorated tables including floral arrangements. Our master of ceremonies was First Vice President **JACK WEIR**, who was also outstanding as banquet chairman. His committee included **ARNOLD GORDON, ANDY** and Sharon **HOLMES, WILL** and Leslee **MORRISON, BOB BISHOP, LEN CARUSI**, and **Bev Smith**. The invocation was by **ARNOLD GORDON**, and the Pledge of Allegiance by **BOB BISHOP**.

We were led by **TOM HEALY** for the “Star-Spangled Banner.” The luncheon followed with four selections of which I only heard compliments including apple pie with vanilla ice cream. The cash bar was available during the luncheon.

JACK WEIR recognized the following past presidents: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO, RUSS HARDEN, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, TAD LARRABEE, DON CONWAY, PETE UHRY, BOB PHILLIPS, MIKE SMITH, RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW, MIKE RYAN, JOHN CRAINE,** and **SAM MARASSO. MICHAEL** asked for all veterans to stand and they immediately received a standing ovation. **MICHAEL** also invited us to attend the Veterans Day parade on Friday.

The volunteer awards were announced by **WILL MORRISON** and **JOHN FEBLES**, who will be relinquishing his chairmanship to **WILL**. Thank you, **JOHN**, for your RMA work. The first of three winners of the volunteer awards was **HORST TEBBE**, who has given countless hours leading RMA Zoom services, video for the town and Call-a-Ride. In second place was **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**, who is involved in many RMA roles including being our past president, plus his volunteer work for Call-a-Ride, Covenant House and St Michael’s Church. Third place went to **HOLLISTER STURGES** for leading the Program Committee of twenty members in selecting our fantastic speakers each week. I am personally, as are all of us, amazed with quality of our interesting lecture participants. Thank you and congratulations on your awards **HORST, MICHAEL** and **HOLLISTER**.

Ten additional members will receive their runner-up awards at the next meeting. They are **PETER STERN, WILL MORRISON, BO JARNSTEDT, ALAN GUNZBURG, JEFF JUNKER, DON CONWAY, MAURICE KROHN, BOB RIMMER, BOB BISHOP** and **JOHN FEBLES**. A request was made to all to please record your volunteer hours so RMA can tell others of our good service.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented by **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** to **ROBERT (BOB) MORGAN**. After a long and notable career in the recording industry, producing artists as varied as the Dave Clark Five and Buddy Greco, **BOB** has lent his musical talents to the RMA for many years.

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President **JOE MANCINELLI** remarked what a wonderful group of men makes up our RMA. He noted that this impressive group of diverse individuals with different ages and skillsets come together for the common good of fellowship, community service, and fun.

We all were treated to our talented RMA Melody Men led by **TOM HEALY**, with **BOB MORGAN** on piano. Since 1975, the Melody Men have performed at over 25 locations each year. Today, they sang five songs starting with “Oklahoma” and followed by “Getting to Know You,” which included wonderful solos by **DON CONWAY**. Then “Top of the World,” made famous by the Carpenters, was presented.

“The Piano Man” (a Billy Joel song) was enjoyed with **BOB MORGAN** singing and playing the piano, accompanied by Captain **MIKE HAYDEN** on harmonica.

Our marvelous 67th Banquet concluded with all attendees singing “Till We Meet Again,” led by **TOM HEALY**.



Greeters



President Mancinelli and wife Linda with John and Giedre Stankunas



Chow Down!



Past Presidents



Award winners Ambrosino, Tebbe, Sturges



Award winner Morgan with Weir



The Melody Men



Don Conway croons "Getting to Know You"

You can click on the following link to view all of the Banquet Pictures.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL OF THE PICTURES TAKEN BY ANDY HOLMES](#)

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

The RMA speaker on November 16 will be Prof. Paul Kennedy speaking on his book *Victory at Sea: Naval Power and the Transformation of the Global World Order in World War II*.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: Scribe for the next meeting, on November 16, will be →**FRANK SCARPA**←. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to frankjscarpa@gmail.com.

ALL MEMBERS: The CBB team works every week to write and publish an informative and concise bulletin for our members' enjoyment. We can always use new members to join the Scribe Tribe. Please contact **TIM BROOKS** at tbroo@aol.com if you can support this effort.

ALL MEMBERS: Do not forget to report all your inside and outside volunteer hours at www.greenwichrma.org/log.

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.

Editor's note: Thanks to **ANDY HOLMES** for photos this time.

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RMA 2022 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities*			
Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	9:30 am	QiGong and Tai Chi Workout	Register in advance with Will Morrison – wdmorrison@gmail.com
Mondays	10:00 am	Pickleball at Christiano Park	Pat MacCarthy – pmacCarthy415@gmail.com Mark Geimer – mark.geimer@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Resumes in Spring	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	10:00 am	Pickleball at Christiano Park	Pat MacCarthy – pmacCarthy415@gmail.com Mark Geimer – mark.geimer@gmail.com
Friday	11:00	Outdoor Tennis, Bruce Park	John Knight - johnknight7@gmail.com

Friday	1:30-3:00 pm	Indoor Tennis	Andy Holmes - Andyholmes56@gmail.com
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*Day & time of some events may vary; check with contact