

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Next Week's Scribe: **JOHN REESE, [JREESE@VALIDEA.COM](mailto:JREESE@VALIDEA.COM)**

*"Follow the money" – "Deep Throat," in the movie *All the President's Men**

President **JOE MANCINELLI** opened the meeting with **ARNOLD GORDON** leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Then **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** and **JIM SANTORA** led the group in singing "America the Beautiful," "Blue Skies" and "When the Red, Red, Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along."

**JOE** thanked the members who help to make our meetings happen: scribe **DAVID MICHONSKI**, projectionists **LEN CARUSI** and **TONY COCCHI**, volunteer advocate **DON ROTZIEN**, greeter **JOHN KAVANAGH**, mentor **JERRY COLEMAN**, refreshments provider **SPIKE LIPSCHUTZ**, audio/video techs **ED PARKER, MARK GEIMER, PETER DODGE, HORST TEBBE, BARRY RICHELSON**, and set-up workers **BOB BISHOP, JIM BUTLER** and **JOHN CRAINE**.

**JOE** announced that next week, April 19, we will begin at 9:30 a.m. because at 9:45 the Greenwich EMT's will be here for training for one hour. He also mentioned that **JOHN KNIGHT** had a heart procedure at Greenwich Hospital and all went well. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**JOE** announced that we are trying to revive our road trips after a long break due to Covid. The first trip, which **TOM HEALY** is arranging, will be to Belmont Race Track. This will be open to all RMA members, spouses and significant others. The cost is \$110 pp. A bus will

take us to Belmont Park, with a buffet in the Belmont Room right at the finish line. We need 40 people to make it work. The date is Thursday, June 15. We leave Saint Catherine's parking lot at 1:30 pm and get to Belmont at 2:30. Post time for first race is 3:00 pm. The last race is 7:30 pm. The coach departs after last race and returns to Saint Catherine's parking lot around 8:30 pm.

Lunch is a 3 ½ hour buffet in the Belmont Room with a Seattle Slew menu which includes soup, cured meats, cheeses, salad, variety of entrees, chef's choice vegetarian entrees and sides, followed by fruit, cookies, desert bars. Soft drinks, coffee and tea are included. There will be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages. There is a private betting room. Dress code is now relaxed. No jackets required, but also no shorts. Please have your check for \$100 pp by next Wednesday, April 19, made payable to RMA and hand delivered to **TOM** at the meeting or mailed to 39 Sachem Lane, Greenwich CT 06830. You can contact **TOM HEALY** at [retiredtjh@gmail.com](mailto:retiredtjh@gmail.com).

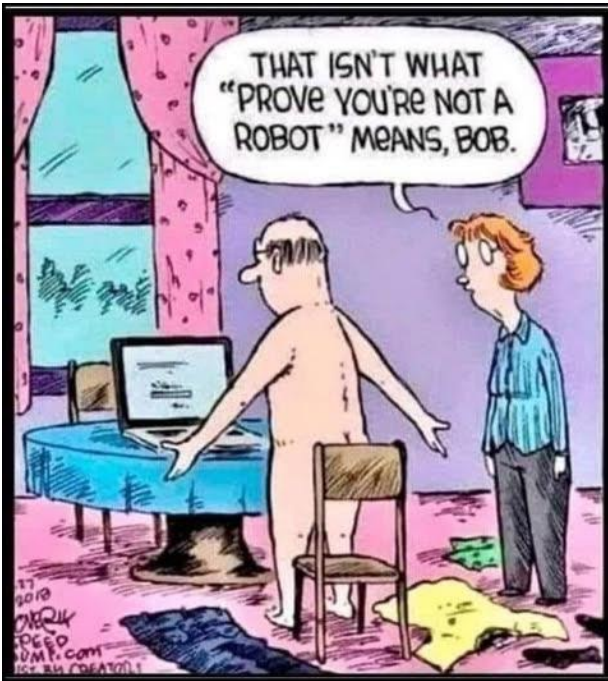
**JOE** also offered some revealing statistics about the world population.

### [World Population Statistics](#)

Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** recommended that members should take advantage of the excellent exhibits of art, sculpture and photography at the Flinn Gallery on the second floor of the Greenwich Library. It is maintained by a volunteer organization comprised of about 50 active members that defines, curates, and mounts about six shows a year. Personal or group tours with a docent for RMA members can be arranged on request. The current, fascinating exhibit is based on materials found in nature in combination with man-made elements to create recognizable forms; for a preview see <https://flinngallery.com/wordplay-messages-in-branches-bark/> A Zoom presentation with one of the featured artists will occur on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. To register, use this link: <https://flinngallery.com/events/screwing-with-order-an-online-conversation-with-gyongy-laky-live-on-zoom/>. There will also be an in-person presentation by another artist on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Registration for that event is at <https://flinngallery.com/events/artist-talk-with-john-mcqueen/>. As luck would have it, the chair of the gallery volunteer group and a curator is Leslee Morrison, wife of our very own **WILL MORRISON**. She or one of the current curators will provide a tour based on their availability.

Reflecting on the complexities and challenges many of our generation face in the use of e-technology, **ARNOLD** showed an example of what not to do when asked if you are a robot.

Another slide illustrated just how removed the current generation of youngsters is from our days of rotary telephones.



In typical fashion, **ARNOLD** then thrust a few one-liners at the group, this time direct quotes from medical records, illustrating that in addition to their lousy handwriting, doctors' prose also needs improvement:

- “The patient expired on the floor uneventfully.”
- “The patient refused an autopsy.”
- “Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year-old male, mentally alert but forgetful.”
- “She has had no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states that she was very hot in bed last night.”

Although **ARNOLD** did not mention it at the meeting, he requested that information about an important event be added to these minutes. In cooperation with Temple Sholom in Greenwich, the Connecticut ADL will be holding a presentation with subject experts on “The Fight Against Extremism and For Democracy” on Thursday, April 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Temple. It is free to the public. For details and to register, see <https://www.templeholom.com/event/the-fight-against-extremism-and-for-democracy.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TOM HEALY** announced that the Melody Men will not sing on Thursday as scheduled.

**BOB GIAQUINTO** strongly recommends watching the movie about RMA member, **JOHN “CHICKIE” DONOHUE** who brought beer to his friends in the Vietnam War. The movie is called *The Greatest Beer Run Ever* and stars Zac Efron. **BOB** watched it on Apple TV and it runs about 126 minutes. **BOB** says it contains adventure, comedy and information about the controversial war.

Special guest: President **JOE MANCINELLI** introduced Jenna Marks and her partner at Elderhood at 123 Mason Street. Elderhood is a new social concept for older adults and offers half day and full day sessions of programming and delicious but light bites to eat. They have “marquee events” such as speakers. For the month of April, 2023, all events, lunches and speakers are free. At the lunches the concept will be explained and RMA members are able to join for \$195/month, which fee entitles members to four events per month. On April 19 they will host the Yale Whiffenpoofs from 4 to 6 pm, and on Thursday April 27 they will host a lecture on Frank Sinatra by a NYU professor. On Wednesday April 19 and Thursday April 27, they will have a complimentary luncheon for RMA members from 12 to 3 p.m. Spouses and guests are welcome. Please reserve in advance. To reach Jenna Marks, Director of Operations at Elderhood, call 475-255-6009, or email [partnerships@myelderhood.com](mailto:partnerships@myelderhood.com). Their website is [www.myelderhood.com](http://www.myelderhood.com).

**DAVID MICHONSKI** reminded everyone that the active shooter presentation done several months ago is still on the website and can be viewed by everyone and their friends. At Michigan State University, all 50,000 students went through the same active shooter training we had and that enabled the president of the university in real time to speak via Twitter and coach the students to activate what they learned in their active shooter training.

### RMA Member Recommendation

*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann. I found this best-selling book to be a riveting true story of greed, racial prejudice, and vile murders. A mostly unknown story of the wild west from 100 years ago. The case is finally taken up by the newly formed FBI under J. Edgar Hoover, where a true to life Texas Ranger turned FBI agent dedicates all his skills to solving this multi-layered mystery. The culprits behind the unimaginable death toll in the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma invoked a reign of terror that will make one cringe. Ironically, this horror was most invisible to the general public. This book will entertain and intrigue the reader on many different levels. – *Joe Mancinelli*

**Please send your recommendations** for a book, movie, TV show, restaurant, or other product or service you think members might be interested in to the Editor, at [tbroo@aol.com](mailto:tbroo@aol.com). Let members know about your “finds”!

**DON ROTZIEN** and **BILL FEATHERSTON** reported that the next ROMEO lunch will be Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at Cobber North restaurant at The Griff Golf Course. The lunch starts at 1:00 pm and separate checks will be issued. Don't forget to add a 20% gratuity to your bill. In order to provide them with an accurate count please email **DON** if you plan to attend.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**JOHN KAVANAGH** filled in for vacationing **PETER STERN**. Attendance was 70 present in-person and nine on Zoom. We welcomed five guests: Enrico Viselli, guest of **SAM MARASSO**; Bill Grad, guest of **TOM NACINOVICH**; Stephan (Steve) Johnson and Tory Johnson, guests of **DON ROTZIEN**; and Pete Hamilton, guest of **TOG PEARSON**.

Birthdays were **MARTY WAINE**, 90, **GEORGE UBOGY**, 85, **HENRY BAKER**, 92, and **GERRY GIBIAN**, 85.

### INDUCTIONS

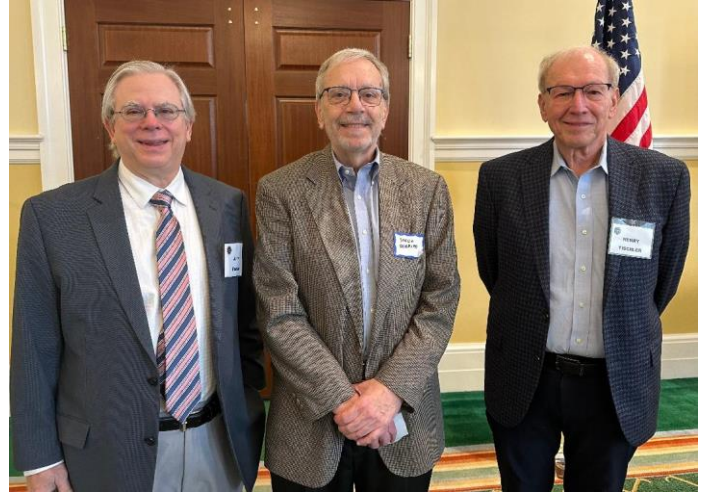
**FRANK SALEM** nominated and **JOHN MURPHY** seconded Victor Caruso for membership. Vic was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and went to graduate school at the University of Chicago. He moved east to New York where he worked in investment banking centered on financial restructuring, troubled debt situations and distressed M&A. While he primarily worked in North America, he also competed work in Hong Kong, Italy and Germany. For the last 10 years Vic has managed a sole practitioner advisory firm. He has been recognized by many publications. His hobbies include golf, sailing, woodworking, photography, and target shooting, and he is a mechanic for his own Porsche. He and his wife split their time between Connecticut and a home in California. He was accepted into the RMA by unanimous vote.

The second induction was for Steve Shapiro who was nominated by **HENRY TISCHLER** and seconded by **JOHN REESE**. Steve was born and raised in Brooklyn and attended Brooklyn College. After graduation he was hired by IBM to work in Manhattan as a programmer (coder). He moved from coding to marketing and eventually got married and moved to Larchmont, NY. He then worked at Transamerica Leasing as an application designer and project manager. He has two daughters and soon after they graduated from

college Steve took the opportunity to retire. He loves to travel, play bridge, visit museums, attend tennis tournaments and baseball games as well as go to movies and Broadway shows. He does considerable volunteer work at three local hospitals as well as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Steve was also accepted by unanimous vote.



Murphy, Caruso, Salem



Reese, Shapiro, Tischler

## SPEAKERS

**JOE MANCINELLI** announced that rather than a speaker this week we will have a piano recital by Dr. Jose Niell. Next week we will hear from RMA member **FLEMMING HEILMANN** on *The Men in Denmark's Freedom Council*. This seminal work, first published in Danish in 1945, is the story of Denmark's resistance leaders, their underground movement during Nazi occupation and how they coordinated the nation's freedom fighters to mount military confrontation of the enemy. Their 11-member Freedom Council went on to form a government-in-waiting in anticipation of liberation to run the country pending restoration of democratic elections.

## SPORTS REPORT

**Poker:** **HENRY TISCHLER** reminded everyone that there is a poker sign-up sheet for anyone interested in playing group poker.

**Pickleball:** **PAT MacCARTHY** reported that there were very competitive games last Monday. Playing were **BOB GIAQUINTO, JEROME COLEMAN, JOHN REESE, ANDY HOLMES, BILL FAKUNDINY, LOU RUPNIK, PAT MacCARTHY** and two female All-American lacrosse players. Pickleball is played, weather permitting, from 10 am until 12 pm on Mondays & Thursdays at Christiano Field. If you want to join the pickleball contact list, please email **PAT** at [pmaccarthy415@gmail.com](mailto:pmaccarthy415@gmail.com).

**Hearts: BOB SHULMAN.** Last week four RMA members played four games of hearts at one table. **TOM HEALY** won two of the games while **BILL FAKUNDINY** and **JACK SWEGER** each won one game. **JACK** shot the moon three times while **TOM** shot the moon once. **TOM** asked for more hearts players.

**Bridge: RON MURRAY** reported the results for Wednesday, April 5. There were four players: **ALEX KOSSEIM**, 2170, **RON MURRAY**, 1960, **ANDRE MAZUREK**, 1920. Bridge is played every Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm at the Cafe on the ground floor of the Greenwich Library. Lunch is available. We welcome all members and guests, whether beginners or experts, to join our group. We are a friendly group and are happy to work with new players who may have questions or would like advice.

**Golf: MIKE RYAN** gave the golf report. It was a beautiful day at the Griff with nine golfers. **TOM HEALY** had the best score with a 95. **MIKE** reported that the women's group will begin its season next week and therefore our group will follow them for the two Tuesdays in April. **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** will be the captain next week. Sign-up sheets for April 18 and April 24 are on the bulletin board. **MIKE** is also looking for volunteers to be captain on May 16, 23 and 30. Please contact **MIKE RYAN**.

**Tennis: ANDY HOLMES** gave the tennis report for April 7. The winners in the opening round on Court #1 were **ANDRE MAZUREK** and **JIM FISHBEIN** and on Court #2, **RANDY MOTLAND** and **PETER DODGE**. The winners in the finals round on Court #1 were **ANDRE** and **RANDY** and on Court #2, **BRIAN MAHONEY** and **RON FRIEDMAN**. The Captain for Friday, April 14, is **BRUCE SOCKET**.

**Walkers and Talkers: TAD LARRABEE** reported that we met at Bruce Park where we viewed a number of the Town's specimen trees and a lot of daffodils. We also explored a couple of nearby neighborhoods (one being a "no trespassing" zone, of course) and walked past the newly renovated and expanded Bruce Museum. It was a foggy but nice day for a walk with hints of warmer weather to come! Everyone is invited to join the Walkers and Talkers by letting **TAD** know your email address to receive his weekly announcements.



Walkers



Bruce Park daffodils on a misty morning

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

**JOE MANCINELLI** introduced a special guest, Dr. Jose Niell, who presented a piano recital. Dr. Niell is a gastroenterologist who retired in 2010. He has played the piano since he was eight years old.

His first piece for this recital was by Domenico Scarlatti, an 18<sup>th</sup> century composer who was born in Naples Italy, but became the harpsichord teacher for the Queen of Spain.

His second piece was by Emanuel Chabrier, a Frenchman who composed during the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, known as the Belle Epoch. Chabrier was an important influence on Debussy, Ravel and Poulenc

Next he played two pieces by the Argentine composer Juliane Aguirre who lived from 1868 to 1924. He created a nationalist style giving voice to folk tunes, rhythms and harmonies from his native Argentina.

That was followed by “Cordoba” by Isaac Albeniz, an allegory of the ancient city in southern Spain with a rich Islamic history and a famous mosque.

Then he played “The Miller’s Dance” from a work by Maestro Manuel de Falla. It was a reduction for piano and it originated from his ballet music “The Three-Cornered Hat” for orchestra. Some claim de Falla to be Spain’s greatest composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



His next piece was a posthumous waltz in E minor by Chopin. It was found after he died, and has no opus number.



His final piece was by Franz Liszt called “Nicht Vienna,” which is a variation on a piece by Franz Schubert. Liszt would take other composers’ pieces and re-do and improve upon them. This is one of them.

To see the full presentation, go to <https://greenwichtma.org>, cursor to “Speakers” and click on “Speaker Videos.”

Note: The views expressed in this presentation are those of the speaker. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its members.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS:** Scribe for the next meeting will be →**JOHN REESE**←. Please make sure you give a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to him, preferably via email.

**ALL MEMBERS:** Do not forget to report all your inside and outside volunteer hours at [www.greenwichtma.org/log](http://www.greenwichtma.org/log).

**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](mailto:tbroo@aol.com) if you can support this effort.

**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.

Thanks to **ANDY HOLMES, JIM FISHBEIN** and **TIM BROOKS** for pictures this time.

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### RMA 2023 CALENDAR

| Weekly Repetitive Activities* |                   |   |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Day                           | Time              | Activity  | Contact  |
| Mondays                       | 9:30 am           | QiGong and Tai Chi Workout                          | Register in advance with Will Morrison – <a href="mailto:wdmorrison@gmail.com">wdmorrison@gmail.com</a>  |
| Mondays                       | 10:00 am          | Pickleball at Christiano Park                       | Pat MacCarthy – <a href="mailto:pmacCarthy415@gmail.com">pmacCarthy415@gmail.com</a><br>Mark Geimer – <a href="mailto:mark.geimer@gmail.com">mark.geimer@gmail.com</a>       |
| Tuesdays                      | 9:30 am           | RMA Golf, the Griff Golf Course, Greenwich          | Mike Ryan – <a href="mailto:ryantomac@netscape.net">ryantomac@netscape.net</a>   |
| Tuesdays                      | Resumes in fall   | Platform (paddle) tennis at Loughlin Field, Cos Cob | James Dean - <a href="mailto:Jhdeanco@gmail.com">Jhdeanco@gmail.com</a>  |
| Wednesdays                    | 9:45 to 10:30 am  | RMA Weekly Meeting                                  | Horst Tebbe – <a href="mailto:onehorst@optimum.net">onehorst@optimum.net</a> or Len Carusi at <a href="mailto:lencarusi@gmail.com">lencarusi@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Wednesdays                    | 1:00 pm           | Hearts  | Bob Shullman – <a href="mailto:bob.shullman@gmail.com">bob.shullman@gmail.com</a>  |
| Wednesdays                    | 1:00 pm           | Bridge  | Andre Mazurek - <a href="mailto:Mazurek.a.j@gmail.com">Mazurek.a.j@gmail.com</a>   |
| Thursdays                     | 9:00 am           | RMA Walking   | Tad Larrabee - <a href="mailto:tadlarra@optonline.net">tadlarra@optonline.net</a>  |
| Thursdays                     | 10:00 am          | Pickleball at Christiano Park                       | Pat MacCarthy – <a href="mailto:pmacCarthy415@gmail.com">pmacCarthy415@gmail.com</a><br>Michael LaGamma – <a href="mailto:mdlgamma@optonline.net">mdlgamma@optonline.net</a> |
| Friday                        | Resumes in Spring | Outdoor Tennis, Bruce Park                          | John Knight - <a href="mailto:johnknight7@gmail.com">johnknight7@gmail.com</a>   |
| Friday                        | 1:30-3:00 pm      | Indoor Tennis                                       | Andy Holmes - <a href="mailto:Andyholmes56@gmail.com">Andyholmes56@gmail.com</a>   |

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