

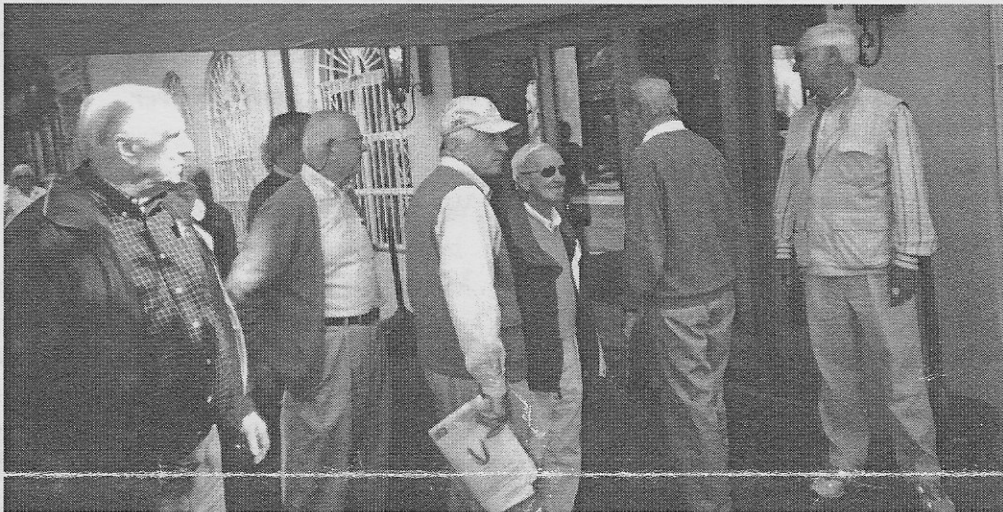
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NEWSLETTER



Thirsty Wanderers line up for a beer at Primorski in lower Manhattan

Photograph by Don Miller

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am so looking forward to enjoying our Wednesday meeting programs and the special social events scheduled for this year. We are all kept well informed of these happenings through this newsletter. I want to thank Bill Gray and Martin Skala for taking over the reins of this effort. The other senior men's organizations in this region only publish single sheets without photos so read through this newsletter with pride. Hats off to Bill and Martin for ably filling Stan Pinover's shoes.

As of October 1st approximately 50 % of our roll call members have paid their dues and 50 % of those have also joined the DCA. This is a "good"

response but below our goal of 67 %. I hope that this ratio, at a minimum, continues as additional payments come in, and I ask that those who have already paid and not joined the DCA, reconsider their decision. Even if you would not take advantage of their programs, think of it as a contribution to a charity—one that is local and part of the Darien community. In addition, it is only right that we, the Darien SMA who use this facility and enjoy its other benefits, pay our share of the costs to run the DCA.

The SMA Board will be meeting on October 23rd. You all know the officers and directors who are part of the group, but may not realize that the chairmen of the membership and special events committees also have seats. Chick

Scribner has headed up the membership activity for some years...and I ask you to make his life much easier by getting your dues in by November 1st. John Podkowsky has just assumed the leadership role for the special events and has a number of exciting ones lined up for the 2006-07 year

Well, it is November again and we're heading into the winter season. Remember that we have a weather closing routine. If the Darien schools are closed, our meeting is cancelled. Do not call the DCA; they will be closed also. Listen to the TV and local radio stations for these announcements. Their telephone numbers are listed inside the front cover of our directory. If in doubt, call the board member for your section of the alphabet as shown in the SMA phone bank published in this newsletter issue.

SMA PHONE BANK

Member's Last Name	Officer/Director	Phone #
Aa-Bi	Bill Winship	655-3530
Bj-Ca	Marc Thorne	656-2804
Cb-De	Frank Johnson	323-2475
Df-Fa	Bob Mitchell	831-0676
Fb-Gi	Bill Cox	655-2072
Gj-He	Bill Bellis	348-6566
Hf-Jo	John Hamilton	966-2362
Jp-La	Pete Scull	838-9126
Lb-Mi	Bob woods	655-9845
Mj-Oz	Chuck Forman	655-4189
Pa-Ra	Bill Atkinson	655-6557
Rb-Rz	Reynolds Burgund	655-0429
Sa-Sm	Kent Haydock	655-7371
Sm-Tz	John Podkowsky	329-8181
Un-Zz	Bob Miller	838-1820

Katie and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas luncheon Thursday December 7.

Frank Johnson

PROGRAMS

Wednesday November 1, 2006

The Revolutionary War

Historian Robert Berthelson, whom we have been fortunate to have previously, will present another of his exciting and informative slide shows on the country's "first war."

Arranged by Stan Pinover

Wednesday November 8, 2005

Veteran's Day

Everett Gidley, longtime Darien resident and past Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day parade, will share his World War II adventures as a P-47 dive bomber pilot on missions over Germany. Shot down twice, and imprisoned in Germany, he escaped and ended up in Paris on VE day. You will enjoy his wartime exploits.

Arranged by Bill Winship

Wednesday November 15, 2006

BODY BALANCE FOR PERFORMANCE

Darien Physical Center's Jim Rumsey and Mike Morgan offer help for those seeking physical therapy and optimal health through body balance and smart metabolism techniques.

Suggested by Joe Kalman, Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday November 22, 2006

No meeting due to Thanksgiving travel

Wednesday November 29, 2006

Identity Fraud

Stuart Robinson, an FBI agent in charge of the Connecticut White Collar Crime Unit, will discuss various examples of identity fraud, and how to avoid them.

Arranged and Presented by Chuck Evers

Wednesday December 6,, 2006

Integrated Therapies/Dynamic Self Therapies

Dr. Greg Birsky is founder of these techniques for treating a variety of physical ailments and injuries. Tips for improving performance in such sports as golf, tennis and skiing through functional fitness will be discussed. Examples of how general life activities can also be improved will be presented.

Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday December 13, 2006

The Blue Notes

The always popular local ladies vocal ensemble will entertain us again with several seasonal favorites.

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday December 20, 2006

Why are Yale and Harvard the best investors ?

John Griswold, Jr., Senior VP Marketing Services of Common Fund Group and Executive Director of Common Fund Institute, will discuss the secrets of Ivy League successes in growing their endowment assets.

Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday December 27, 2006

No Meeting during Holidays

Wednesday January 3, 2007

Life Options

Jim Pugliese, who gave an interesting talk on the marketing of existing life insurance policies recently, had so many questions that he didn't have time to discuss the second phase...premium financing. He will be back by popular demand to cover the second phase.

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday January 10, 2007

Evonne Klein—Darien's First Selectwoman

Evonne will once again give us an update on the state of affairs in Darien. She will tell us about the projects and plans for the coming year.

Arranged by Bill Winship

SMA-MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members are reminded that all dues should be paid by November 1, 2006. This is necessary in order to get out our 2007 Directory updated and ready for printing. There are a number of members who have not remitted their dues. Failure to pay on time will result in your name not being included in the directory. All members 90 years old or older are exempt from paying dues.

We welcome the following new members:

Richard A. Brown graduated from Deerfield Academy and Dartmouth College, where he earned a BA in Business. From 1952 to 1955, he served in the U. S. Marine Corp, attaining the rank of Captain. Richard was a partner with Hammond Kennedy & Co., an investment banking firm, in New York City. He specialized in M & A and private financing for mid-sized companies and did private consulting until 2004.

He and his wife, Lynn, an interior designer, have two daughters and three grandchildren. An active golfer, he is a member of the Wee Burn Country Club and the Dartmouth Club – NYC/Fairfield County.

Charles P. Gilliam, a native of North Carolina, received his BS and MBA degrees from the University of North Carolina. After working as an S&L bank branch manager and in the controller's office of Ford Motor Company, he earned a law degree at Michigan State University. In 1982, Charles joined Xerox as a corporate lawyer and moved to Connecticut. He and his wife, Carole, have two sons. He is an enthusiastic tennis player.

Peter B. Hallock, originally from Manhasset, graduated from Cornell with a BS degree and did graduate work in management at New York University. Peter has had three careers, the first two in senior human resources roles, then line and project management. He has held four board memberships. The past twenty years have been in management consulting, including retained executive search, merger and acquisition advisory services and general management consulting. He continues on a part time basis for selected clients.

Peter has four children and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Pickwick Society, the Cotton Club, and the Cornell Club of New York. His interests include bridge, tennis, boating, travel and puttering.

Herrick B. Littlefield (Rick) was raised primarily on the Maine coast where his family ran a summer inn on Eggemoggin Reach, Penobscot Bay. Rick attended Deerfield Academy and graduated from Amherst College in 1953 with a BA in History. He started working in New York City, finally owning and operating Polyproducts Corp. where he designed, produced and marketed specialty closures for the container industry.

A Darien resident since 1955, Rick served on the board of the Darien Nature Center where he supplied his invention of a do-it-yourself geodesic dome for Lloyd Wildon's aquaculture program. He is a volunteer at the Darien Book Aid, serves as clerk of the Tokeneke Tax District and works with Kent Haydock on deer culling in Tokeneke. During the winter months, Rick is a volunteer tutor in a New York City after-school program for "at risk" kids.

He and his wife, Carole, enjoy skiing, sailing and tennis. Hobbies include woodworking and writing family histories. He is a member of the Tokeneke Club.

Chick Scribner

Chairman, Membership Committee

SMA SPECIAL EVENTS- Fall 2006

PIPPIN Trip to Goodspeed Opera House

On Friday Sept. 22nd, 46 SMA members and guests traveled to East Haddam for a luncheon at Bistro Benigno and then on to the Goodspeed Opera House to attend a matinee performance of Pippin.

Pippin originally opened on Broadway in 1972, a time when America was involved in an

increasingly unpopular war, not unlike today. This complex musical deals with important and timeless issues such as war, inter-generational conflicts, religious terrorism, and black magic. It poses existential questions such as What is the purpose of life? Is there a God? And if so, what is God's plan? And what does it mean to be happy? Those who remember the '70's will recognize the style of the music which we enjoyed in such shows as Hair and Godspell. Pippin is of that genre.

The staging was excellent as were the two male stars, Andre Ware, who reprised the role of the magician, created originally on Broadway by Ben Vereen, and Joshua Park, who performed admirably in the title role of Pippin. Following the show, my wife Pat and I chatted with Mickey Dolenz who plays Charlemagne. Pat remembered Mickey as Circus Boy in a 1950's kids TV program Howdy Doody. Mickey later became famous as the lead singer of The Monkees, a hit TV show in the '60's.

The Goodspeed stage was Pippin's premier opening prior to beginning a national tour this month.

John Podkowsky

Thursday, December 7, 2006 11:15 AM

SMA Christmas Luncheon—See Flyer in this issue

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SENIOR WANDERERS

"Nostalgia" was the word for the Wanderers' Coney Island trip of October 5, a fine fall day. Much is changed, but the giant ferris wheel and parachute jump remain, operating weekends. Nathan's Famous hot dog factory, a 100 year old landmark, still stands. The beach and boardwalk are surprisingly clean.

We 24 walkers bypassed the famous aquarium, but we took time for a late morning libation. While strolling through "Little Russia", we stopped to enjoy a five course ethnic lunch. An easy half-hour subway ride returned us to Grand Central station for the Metro-North ride home.

Don Miller

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Senior Wanderer's Pre-Christmas 5th Avenue Ramble in New York City

Highlights will include historical Grand Central, N.Y. Public Library, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral with the Ground Zero Cross, Trump Tower and more. Drop in on Mickey Mantle's restaurant for Libations.

Call Leader Don Miller a 655-8819 for more details.