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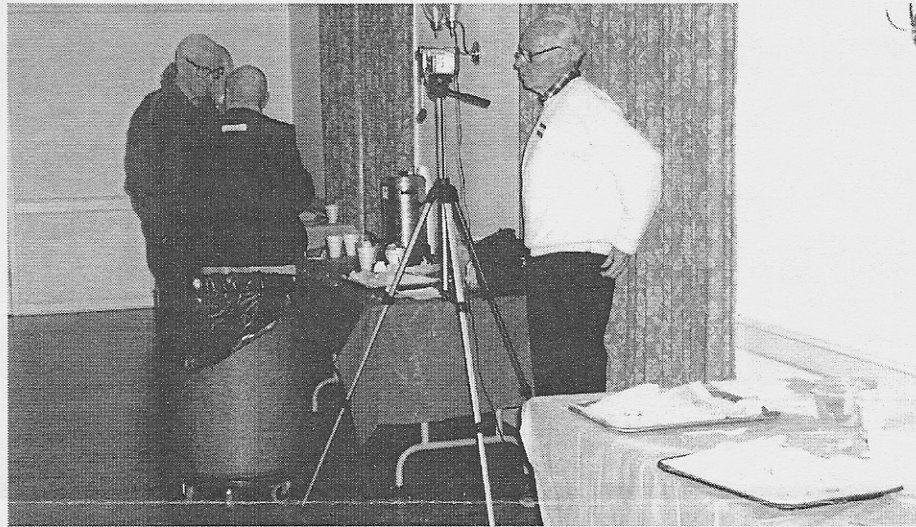
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# NEWSLETTER



Video Taper Tom Thompson with Sam Stevenson and Mr. Anonymous

Photograph by Bill Swett

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As you know, I have been hounding you all at the meetings and in the newsletter about taking part in SMA activities and bringing in new members. Since I have not given up on this quest, I was thinking "How do I say it AGAIN in this issue" when I came across a similar plea by our President in last year's issue. Realizing that I could not say it better, it is reprinted here:

"Our membership remains at a high level but we have openings for both Darien and out-of-towners. We all need to be recruiters for SMA so we continue to bring in new members to replace those who are no longer able to participate or who have moved elsewhere. Ask a friend to attend a weekly meeting, participate in an activity or sign up for a special events trip.

We urge all members to get involved, both within the SMA as a committee member or participant in a recreational activity, as well as an outside volunteer in a community activity.

Our organization is dedicated, among other things, to good fellowship. In this regard we all should always welcome new members at our weekly meetings or other occasions. Make it a point to introduce yourself to a new member or anyone who does not appear to know many people in the room. Don't always talk to someone you know, talk to someone you may not know.

With these few changes we can even further improve SMA Regards to all.

Bill"

Enough said , *Frank Johnson*

PROGRAMS

Wednesday February 28, 2007

Boxing's Brainiest Champ

Jack Cavanaugh has just published his latest book, "Gene Tunney-Boxing's Brainiest Champ" covering his upset of the great Jack Dempsey. Jack is a veteran sportswriter and former ABC and CBS news reporter who is currently a Journalism Professor at Fairfield University. A newspaper article about the book is posted on the bulletin board.

Arranged by Bill Winship

Wednesday March 7, 2007

The History of Law

Tom Gildersleeve is the author of "We The People-The History of Law". Tom will discuss the principles developed and established from English history which led to our system of constitutional rights.

Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday March 14 2007

A Volga-Baltic Cruise

Jerry Mayfield and Phil Hahn will narrate a slide show of an eleven day-Russian river cruise between Moscow and Saint Petersburg on the Volga- Baltic waterway,

Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday March 21, 2007

Myron and the Chocolate Factory

Myron Kerstetter, a retired businessman, opened a store in Stamford called Schokolad. He has an interesting presentation on chocolate—where it comes from, how it is processed, its nutritional

value and other health factors. After his presentation you are sure to become a Chocoholic.

Suggested by Jim Fox

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday March 28, 2007

Stamford's Mayor

Stamford mayor the Honorable Dannel Malloy, the longest serving mayor in Connecticut history, will discuss growth issues and politics with us. He will answer questions from SMA members about the large city immediately west of us where a number of SMA members now live.

Attanged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday April 4, 2007

Being "In the Know" Makes Traveling More Exciting and Joyful

Find out what is hot today in world travel from an expert. Ian "Scotty" Johnston has spent 46 years with Tauck World Discovery and seen the joy of countless guests with whom he has traveled. He will be our guide to a world of excitement and discovery that differentiates Tauck from its competitors.

He will describe how Tauck takes the stress out of family travel whether it's the Canadian Rockies by helicopter, western national Parks, river boating in Europe, small ship cruising, a trip to Alaska, or a safari in Africa..

Begun in 1925 as a family company and now led by Robin Tauck, the founder's grand daughter, Tauck offers vacations on all seven continents, is regarded as tops in the industry and is proudly based in Norwalk.

Arranged by Dick Matthews

Wednesday April 11, 2007

## SMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Challenges for Greatly Expanding Opera Viewing Audiences World Wide

Laurence Gilgore is Director and Principal Conductor of the Connecticut Grand Opera and Orchestra where he has attracted international attention for distinctive programming and innovative productions. The company is preparing to perform the opera Lucia di Lammermoor Saturday, May 5, at 8 pm in Stamford's Palace Theatre. A singer will entertain us and Larry will talk about his perceptions of opera's future based on his responsibilities and as a highly sought- after guest conductor.

Arranged by Dick Matthews

Wednesday April 18, 2007

Representative John Ryan

John, a regular speaker at Darien Senior Men's Association, represents all of Darien and Rowayton in the Connecticut House of Representatives in Hartford. He always presents an interesting and insightful discussion on activities in the state legislature as they may affect our area.

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday April 25, 2007

### Navigating Health Care

Maura Carley is President and CEO of Castle Connolly Healthcare Navigation Ltd. which provides a high level of personalized healthcare support services through various medical facilities. Maura, who holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from Yale University is also the Vice Chairman of the Darien Social Services Commission.

Arranged by Bill Winship

There are 264 SMA members. Our SMA Directory for 2007 has been available since December 2006. More than enough for each member was printed. Get your copy at the SMA table when you attend your next meeting.

We welcome the following new members:

James F. Manning was born in Washington DC and raised in Westchester County. He attended Deerfield Academy and graduated from Williams College with a BA degree in Economics. After serving three years in the US Air Force he went to work for IBM and was Vice President from 1983 to 1987. Following IBM, Jim was a management consultant to various corporations including Gevity HR, Pitney Bowes, Rolm Phone Company, Teachers Ins(TIAA/CREFF) and several software companies. He was President and Vice President of Gevity and later became Chairman and CEO.

Jim and his wife, Joan have been married for 51 years. They have 3 children and four grandchildren who all live in Norwalk. Now happily retired, he and his wife are members of the American Yacht Club, the Apawamis Golf Club in Rye, NY and the Silvermine Golf Club in Norwalk.

Nigel MacEwan was born in Baltimore, MD and grew up in the South. Upon graduation from Yale, he was commissioned as an ensign in the US Navy and assigned to an amphibious unit in southern California. On completion of his naval service, Nigel went to Harvard Business School where he received an MBA degree. In 1959 he moved to Darien and began a career in investment banking in New York. During his career, he also lived in Belgium and England and spent a great deal of time in the Middle East.

Nigel and his wife Judy Sperry, who recently moved to New Canaan, have six children and seven grandchildren. Besides devoting much of their spare time to non-profit endeavors, they enjoy

Next was Claude Debussy's Images for Orchestra, a work in 3 separate parts he created in 1905-1912. Debussy tried to capture the music of England, Spain and Germany. The group enjoyed the flow, but felt Debussy would admit that he did not capture the balance he tried to create.

The final work was Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 which he composed at age 25 in Vienna. The piece has a smaller instrumentation than a full symphony, but the musical juxtaposition of solo piano opposite the strings and woodwinds, both in melodic and rapid movements was truly marvelous. Lars Vogt was the featured pianist.

Following the performance the group enjoyed a delightful luncheon at Rene Pujol Restaurant.

John Podkowsky

The Frick Collection in NYC on Fri March 16

Connecticut Capital and Old State House in Hartford on Thursday April 19

For both of these events the contact person is:

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#### SMA Newsletter Credits

This month's special insert credits and mailings

Activity Leader Photos Bill Swett

Special Event Art Work Ed Mulock

Newsletter Labels Frank Kemp

In keeping with our President's call for all members, and especially new ones to take advantage of the many programs SMA offers, our insert honors the Activity Leaders who arrange and coordinate the many activities in which members can happily engage. Mr. Anonymous Too!!

Enjoy Bill and Martin

#### FUTURE SMA SPECIAL EVENTS

Please note on the insert for this issue that there are two exciting upcoming events scheduled for the next two months: