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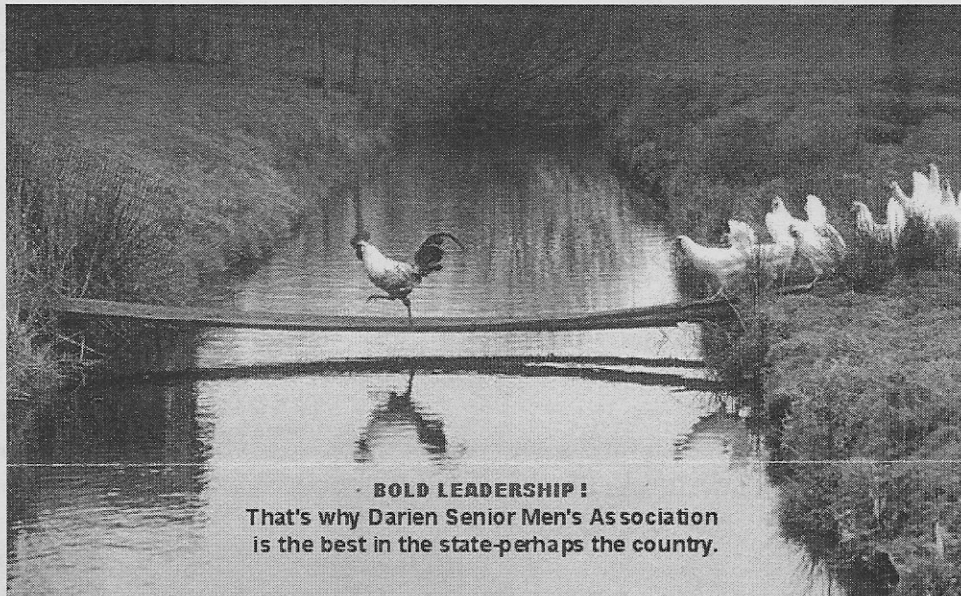
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NEWSLETTER



BOLD LEADERSHIP!
That's why Darien Senior Men's Association
is the best in the state-perhaps the country.

**By Chicken a la Swett &
George Walsh**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On the last Thursday of March, I attended the funeral of Tom Ross. I did not know Tom but went because he had been a member of the SMA for a dozen years and I was President. In the entranceway to the church, I bumped into Ed Clarke, Bob Crane, Steve Nightingale, Tor Arneberg and several other SMAers, who had known Tom well, either when sailing on the Sound or as neighbors in Darien.

Just being there with them and sharing their memories of one of "The Greatest Generation" made me feel quite lucky and fortunate to be a participant in and not just a watcher of the "passing parade".

This SMA organization lives up to its motto "Fellowship, Education, Recreation, Service, and Fun".

We gather together at coffee and social events; we learn new things and hear new ideas at, what I consider, fantastic Wednesday programs; we enjoy all of the recreational activities, and serve our communities for thousands of hours---all under the banner of "Fun" with a capital F.

Since this is my last President's report to you, I want to express my gratitude to all who have helped make this a successful year. My Special thanks go to Bill Atkinson, Kent Haydock, Tony Kwedar and Tom Thompson, Past

Presidents without whose wise counsel, I could not have managed this office. And of course, my appreciation to all those who kept you up-to-date with our events on Wednesday mornings, and to all who work behind the scenes to make things happen.

When you read this, you may already know the slate of officers and directors for the 2007-2008 year. I know that they will receive the same terrific cooperation from you all that I did, and I wish them the best in leading you to greater achievements for the SMA.

One last note of thanks goes to Sam Stevenson. Seven years ago, he and I were talking at an NCS meeting and, somehow, we got around to cards. He said that, if I were interested, I might want to join John Rikert's bridge group. I was and I did, and so, became a member of the Darien SMA. I have enjoyed every moment that I have been involved with you since then, so—thanks Sam—and my best regards to all.

Thanks and see you at the next meeting.

Frank Johnson

PROGRAMS

Wednesday May 2, 2007

TAKING OF THE WEST

George Lowell, who retired from the oil business, is an expert on the Lewis and Clark expedition. He has been a Lewis and Clark Trail Guide and a Docent for the Sacagawea/Shoshone Education and Cultural Center in Idaho, having resided in that area for the past 17 years.

Suggested by Don Miller

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday May 9, 2007

MAJOR CHANGES HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF ENERGY

Don McIvor is a former Board Chairman and CEO of Imperial Oil Ltd. (Canadian subsidiary of ExxonMobil) who retired from Exxon as Director and Senior VP of Worldwide oil and gas exploration and production as well as coal and minerals. Don is also a former director of the Royal Bank of Canada and he is currently with J.S. Herold Inc., an energy research company in Norwalk

Suggested by Charlie Andrew

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday May 16, 2007

OPEN FORUM OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL WARMING AND ENERGY

Tapping SMA resources, our panel of experts will be Bob Baker, Charlie Goodyear, Bill Gray, Bill McClelland, Frank Penn and Dale Pollart. After opening remarks by each panel member, we will invite comment and discussion from all SMA members.

PROGRAMS

Suggested and arranged by Bill McClelland

Wednesday May 23, 2007

REHABILITATION AS IT APPLIES TO THE AGING

Dr Willibald Nagler, a new SMA member is the Psychiatrist-In-Chief Emeritus, Dept of Rehab Medicine and Professor of Rehab Medicine at New York's Cornell Medical Center. He began his career in Vienna, Austria and continued his studies as an American citizen at various facilities in New York State, including Cornell University.

Suggested by Kent Haydock
Arranged by Bob Mitchell

Wednesday May 30, 2007

THE SMA SONGSTERS

After another season of performing for various senior facilities in the area, The Songsters will entertain the SMA membership.

Arranged by Bob Mitchell & Joe Holmes

Wednesday June 6, 2007

THE ACABELLAS

The Acabellas, a group of young housewives from this area who gave us a great performance last year, will be back to wind up the year for us. They have performed recently for groups such as The Darien Arts Council, The Darien Library and local country clubs, They cover a wide variety of music from modern back to Glenn Miller.

Arranged by Bob Mitchell

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of early April there were 270 members in the Darien SMA. There are openings in our Darien and out-of-town lists. Be mindful that the yearly SMA Directories are for members only and for obvious reasons are not given to non-members.

We welcome the following new members:

William J. Nightinggale, a native of Minneapolis, graduated from Bowdoin College with a BA in Economics and Government and from Harvard Business School with an MBA. He served in the U. S. Navy as a Supply Corps officer in Port Lyautey, Morocco, and Minneapolis.

Bill was a Marketing Managing with General Mills, Inc.; Senior Associate with Booz, Allen and Hamilton; VP Finance, Hanes Corp; CEO, Bali Co, Inc.; and Principal of a consulting firm,

Nightingale and Associates, Inc., which he founded in 1975.

Bill moved to Darien in 1966, and since 1993 has lived in Rowayton with his wife Debbie. He has four children and eleven grandchildren. He is a member of Saint Luke's Church, Noroton Yacht Club, Wee Burn Country Club and the Harvard Club of NYC.

Oliver Quentin Hyder, a native of London, England, was educated at Cambridge University and the Royal London Hospital Medical College. He came to the U. S. in 1960 to work at the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore after which he studied theology at New York Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree. He then studied psychiatry at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and had a private psychiatric and marriage counseling practice for 35 years. He is now a psychiatrist at Rikers Island, N/ Y.

Oliver has a private pilot's license for single and twin-engine planes, is a nationally ranked age-group squash racquets player and an avid golfer. He has served in three churches as an elder and lay preacher. He and his wife Lou Ann have been married for 40 years and have three children and six grandchildren.

S. Peter Law was born in Rome of British parents and grew up on Long Island. He graduated from Princeton University with a BA in Modern European history. He served in the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy. His sister joined the Wrens (British Waves) and his brother was a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

Peter worked for Schlumberger/US and other companies in Risk Management. He is currently a member of the Norwalk Land Trust and Roton Point Club, a volunteer at the Maritime Aquarium and President of the Rowayton Civic Association. A Rowayton resident, he and his wife Anne have four children and six grandchildren. He enjoys playing tennis, paddle tennis, golf and reading.

Peter L. Anker, a resident of Darien for over 30 years, graduated from Columbia University with a BA in History and English and later received an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School (U. of Pa.). His career has been centered in Finance. He worked for Smith Barney as a security analyst and for the last seventeen years with First Boston, now Credit Suisse, where his specialty was the metals and mining industries.

Pete served two tours of duty with the U. S. Air Force. The first occurred between college and graduate school; the second, when his reserve unit was called up during the Berlin crisis.

Peter and his wife Billie have six children, the product of two marriages, and fifteen grandchildren. They are members of the Middlesex Swim Club and he is on the Board of the Stamford Symphony. He is an avid woodworker, enjoys tennis, skiing and reading.

Thomas R. Gildersleeve, who grew up in Liberty, NY, graduated from Brown University with a BA in Sociology and earned an MA in business through Columbia University's Executive Program. He served in the navy but was lucky enough to do so after the Second World War from 1945 to 1947. Tom's career in data processing began with Univac when programs were written in object code. He subsequently worked for several corporations in a variety of capacities.

Tom has two sons and four grandchildren ranging in age from two to 21. He currently tutors in the Stamford school system as well as privately. He is a member of the Cotton Club and the Tokeneke Club.

Stephen R. Mandell was born in New York City and grew up in Bedford, N.Y. He graduated from Dartmouth University with a degree in History and Stanford University with an MBA in Marketing. He had a career of 40 years owning and developing ten companies and producing weld metals in eight countries serving 60 markets worldwide.

Steve has been very active in the Darien community. He has been campaign chairman for the United Way and has served as trustee, chairman and campaign chairman for the Darien Library. He was a trustee for the Darien YMCA, chairman for Gallivant, chairman for Darien Land Trust and was on the advisory committee for Person to Person.. In 1991 Steve received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the State of Connecticut,

He is a member of Wee Burn Country Club and Tokeneke Beach Club. He enjoys tennis, golf, travel and reading. His wife Ann S. Mandel is a lifetime Darien resident and former First Selectman. They have two sons and 5 grandchildren.

John W. Van Der Kieft is a Darien native and a graduate of Darien High school. He attended Boston University and graduated with BAs in English/Fine Arts. During his career in consumer advertising and marketing, he was employed by Warwick, Baker & Tiore, Benton & Bowles and Marketing Partnership Inc.

John served his country for two years as a 2nd Lt. in the US Army. Active in town affairs he is a member of the Darien RTM and the Republican Club of Darien. He belongs to the Norwalk River Rowing Club, The Darien Sail & Power Squadron and Wee Burn Country Club. He enjoys tennis, paddle tennis and sailing.

John and his wife Michele have three grown children, a son and two daughters, and two grandchildren.

Chick Scribner, Membership Chairman

SPECIAL, SOCIAL AND SUMMER EVENTS

Sunday August 19, 2007

Thursday, May 24, 2007

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

And

ARTHUR AVENUE LUNCHEON

A docent led tour of the world famous 250 acre N. Y. Botanical Gardens with a special tour of its Haupt Conservatory featuring now the NEW "Caribbean Gardens Journey to Paradise" will be followed by lunch in the real "Little Italy" area of the Bronx.

Coordinated by Joe Sexton, tel. 968-8090

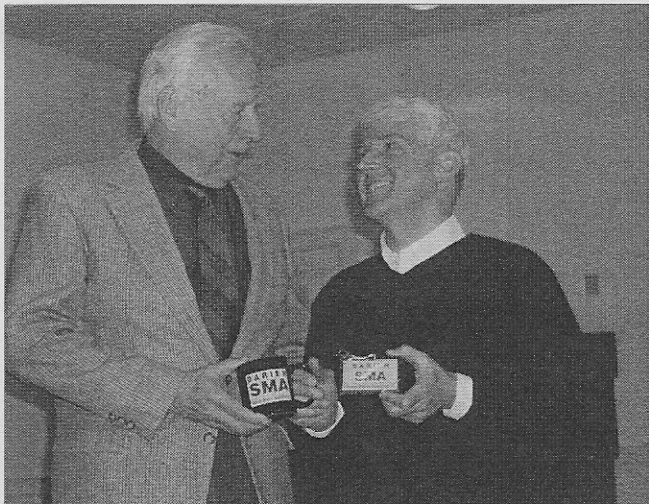
Monday June 4, 2007

SMA Annual picnic at Weed Beach at 5:00 pm

Chair: Tom Thompson tel. 655-4725

Saturday July 28, 2007

Moodus Jazz Festival, Chair Tom Thompson



Chocolateer Myron Kerstetter of The Schokolad Factory receives the SMA Cup from VP Bob Mitchell and presents Bob a mini chocolate SMA plaque on March 21, 2007

Summer Brunch Cruise 11:15 am

Chair Bob Woods, tel. 655 9845

2007-2008 PROGRAM PLANNING

Will you please all take a moment to consider the questions on the insert to this final issue for 2006-2007 ?

Your hardworking program committee led this year by Bob Mitchell and Bill Winship has consistently provided entertaining and valuable speakers for each of our Wednesday meetings, no small task to arrange perhaps 40 events each year.

For the coming year of 2007-2008 this vital effort will be in the capable hands of Bill Winship and Marc Thorne. But they can't do it all alone.

So please give their insert Questionnaire some careful thought and then forward your views to Bill and Marc no later than our last meeting of the year on June 6, 2007.

The staff of your SMA Newsletter wishes all members and their families a happy and healthy summer,

**Bill Gray Producer
Martin Skala Editor
Frank Kemp Labels**