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SMA Officers and Directors for 2007-2008

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Front row, left to right: Dale Pollart, Secretary, Bob Miller, Treasurer, Bill Winship, First Vice President, Bob Mitchell, President, Marc Thorne, Second Vice President, Frank Johnson Past President. 2nd row, all Directors, Tom Thompson, Dick Cutler, Chick Scribner, Reynolds Burgund, Taylor Strubinger, Kent Haydock, Bill Gray, Jim Armour, Bill Bellis.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we get ready for a new year of SMA activity, things are shaping up for another successful year of Camaraderie, Community Service and Learning.

Some very fine programs have already been set up through the end of the calendar year, and that, sprinkled with a bit of humor, should afford us a full schedule of enjoyable meetings.

The last official count by Chick Scribner showed that we had 268 members, of which a little over 100 attended on a fairly regular basis. That presents two separate problems that we need to

address in the coming months. First, we have authorized a membership total of 300, so there is room for more members both from in and out of town.

You will find your Application/ Registration form enclosed with this Newsletter. Please fill it out and get it back to us (along with your check) and use the Newsletter to show what we have to offer to your friends who are eligible to become members. Again, I would like to remind you of the advantages that we have as members of the DCA, and encourage you to extend your membership in the DCA for you and/or your spouse.

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Secondly, while less than half our members attend meetings on a regular basis, we would like to see much higher member attendance. So let's talk to our friends who are members and encourage them to join in the fellowship.

I feel it is appropriate to remind everyone that the SMA Directory is confidential, and for SMA use only. It is not to be used for solicitation of any products or ideas, no matter how worthy they may seem.

As most of you know Tony Kwedar is moving to North Carolina. He may be becoming a Tar Heel, but I am sure his heart will remain here in Darien and SMA. Tony has been such a valuable asset to the town and to the organization, and it was fitting that he was recently honored for his service.

It is a pleasure to announce that Bill Atkinson will be taking over the reporting of Community Events when he returns from a 50th Anniversary European trip in late September. Congratulations to you and Ineke, Bill.

Well summer is coming to a close, and at the time of this writing, there has been no other news to report, either good or bad. I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and I look forward to another enjoyable year with you.

Bob Mitchell, President

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

How To Feel Better, at SMA Age

Dr. Robert Marshall will tell us several of the keys to feeling good, like how to lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels, how to eliminate headaches and digestive problems, how to reduce prostate swelling, and how to slow down aging generally and just feel better.

Arranged by Dick Cutler

Scoundrels Among Us

John Savage returns to tell the stories of two unprincipled rascals who played a role in the history of Southwestern Connecticut. "Boss" Tweed of Tammany Hall fame and Benedict Arnold both played a significant part in the history of our area, and John Savage will tell us their stories.

Arranged by Bill Winship

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Eyewitness News & Teen Kids News

Albert T. Primo is recognized worldwide as the creator of the **Eyewitness News** concept which revolutionized the way television news is presented. He is currently producing **Teen Kids News** airing on 220 stations weekly covering 91% of the US. He will discuss interesting people he met along the way.

Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Richard Branson and Virgin Atlantic

What did Richard Branson and Virgin Atlantic do to differentiate themselves from the airline competition? Chris Rossi, VP Sales & Marketing at Virgin Atlantic, will discuss efforts he led in the US to define the powerful Virgin Atlantic brand for the future, taking inspiration from the Golden Age of Travel. Their successful "Go Jet Set, Go" campaign, designed to be the leader in the emerging alternative business culture, has brought passenger numbers to levels not seen since before 9/11.

Arranged by Dick Mathews

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Shackleton's Way

Stranded in Antarctica for almost two years, Sir Ernest Shackleton dealt with naysayers, worriers and disgruntled sailors. Best-selling author Margot Murelle tells his story of leadership and survival to relate his skills to today's business.

Suggested by George Walsh
Arranged by Bill Winship

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Financial Secrets of my Wealthy Grandparents

Matthew Tuttle, CFP, MBA is a CERTIFIED FINANACIAL PLANNER and author of "Financial Secrets of my Wealthy Grand parents". Matthew notes in his book that both of his grandparents retired around the same age with about the same amount of money. One left a large inheritance and the other ran out of money a few years ago. His talk is for retired people who want to learn how to avoid the mistakes his poor grandparents made. He will cover why beating the stock market could make you poor, why the IRS may get more of your IRA than your family, and much more.

Suggested by Bob Mitchell
Arranged by Dick Mathews

Wednesday October 17, 2007

Transmission Projects in Southwest Connecticut—Status, Needs & Benefits

Christopher Swan began his career in 1976 as Environmental Scientist at Northeast Utilities in Berlin CT, and for the past 25 years has held management positions with CL & P in Marketing, Sales, Operations and Transmission. Chris's slide presentation focuses on size, cost and schedule for major projects and the extent to which they will satisfy our needs and provide benefits.

Suggested by Bill Winship
Arranged by Dick Mathews

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

The Enigma, Benedict Arnold, Connecticut's Traitorous Hero

Historian Robert Berthelson, a frequent presenter at our meetings, is back with us again to focus on "The Enigma, Benedict Arnold, Connecticut's Traitorous Hero. Bob will tell us how Benedict Arnold so destroyed his reputation that his name has become synonymous with treason.

Suggested by Bill Winship
Arranged by Dick Mathews

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Deer and Moose Control in SW Connecticut

Howard Kilpatrick is a wildlife biologist with the CT Dept of Environmental Protection at the Franklin Wildlife Management Area. As many of us are interested in having an update on deer control here, Howard will update us on that subject and also tell us about CT's moose population and his proposal for a moose research project.

Arranged by Marc Thorne

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Fall Football Event Pre-game Party+Darien HS game

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Musical "1776" Lunch at Goodspeed Opera House

Thursday, December 6, 2007

SMA 30th Anniversary Christmas Luncheon

John Podkowsky, Chair Social Events

SMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is that time of year again when SMA dues are collected. All dues should be paid by November 1st according to our Constitution. Every year we seem to have a number of members who fail to remit dues by this deadline. Let's see if we can do better this year.

Attention new members !!! If you joined between January and June 2007 you are exempt from paying dues this year. We do not want to charge you twice in the same year. All members aged 90 or older are also exempt.

We welcome the following new members.

Robert G. Ferguson earned a BA degree in English Literature from Williams College. After college he entered the US Navy and served 3 years aboard the battleship USS Iowa as an officer. At the conclusion of the Korean War he spent time in Gitmo and with the 6th fleet in the Mediterranean. He left the Navy in 1959 and went to work for IBM as Data Processing Salesman. He retired from IBM in 1991 and joined Kelly Associates in residential real estate before retiring completely 10 years later.

Bob, his wife Ursula and their 2 children have lived in Darien since 1970. A member of Wee Burn Country Club, Bob is a golfer, bowler and enjoys reading fiction.

Jon C. Sherwood attended local schools and graduated from Mount Herman Prep School in Northfield, Mass. He attended Ohio Wesleyan, George Washington University and the University of Maryland where he earned three degrees in Political Science.

Jon had a career in local TV programming with Connecticut Public Television and also worked for Cablevision. He is a veteran of the United States Army having served in the United States and Japan. He and his wife Sheila have two daughters. Jon is a member of the Darien Arts Center and his main hobby is music.

Gerald N. Mucciolo, a Darien resident for 35 years, was born in the Bronx and raised in Westchester County. He graduated with a degree in Economics from Iona College and obtained an MBA in Finance from the University of Bridgeport.

His area of expertise was financial planning/analysis for new product development. He worked in middle management for AMF, Nestles, Pan American Airlines and Pitney Bowes. He served in the New York National Guard for 6 years.

Jerry is currently a member of the Darien Boat Club, Ansonia Gun Club, the Lions Club, and Austin Healy Club of America. He also has been involved with Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, Little League and Lassie League. An active volunteer at the Darien Sr. Center, he does woodworking and enjoys tennis. He and his wife Gina have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

J. Hoban Harris has been a resident of Rowayton (Wilson Point) since 1968. He grew up in Washington, DC and attended Princeton University where he became a part of the Navy V 12 Program. His active service in the Navy was in Japan on a minesweeper.

After the war, he returned to Princeton, graduating in 1947 with a degree in Public and International Affairs. He enjoyed a 37-year career with Chase Manhattan Bank, retiring as a Senior Lending Officer.

Hoban and his wife Anne enjoy traveling and have been on cruises in Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean. They have three sons and six

grandchildren. He works as a volunteer at Norwalk Hospital one day a week. His hobby is gardening.

Willibald Nagler, MD, FACP is a naturalized U. S. citizen who hails from Austria. After graduating from the Medical School of the University of Virginia as a Doctor of Medicine he came to the United States for postdoctoral training. He did his internship at St. Francis in Poughkeepsie and residency in Roswell Park Memorial Hospital in Buffalo. He served as a research Fellow in Medicine at Cornell University Medical Hospital in New York City and also did post graduate work at NYU School of Medicine and New York Medical College.

Willibald has had a very distinguished career in the medical field. He has held appointments as a Physician to Outpatients, Department Head of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. At Cornell University Medical College in New York he was a Fellow in Medicine, Instructor in Medicine, Asst. Professor, Assoc. Professor and is currently Professor of Rehab. Medicine. He has been the recipient of many honors and awards and is currently a member of a number of scientific and medical societies. Willi and his wife Marion live in Norwalk.

Robert F. Wells has lived in the Noroton Bay area of Darien since 1948. He hold a BA degree in mathematics from DePauw University and an MBA in marketing from SUNY/Albany. Bob's career was in advertising and general marketing. A graduate of GE's renowned General Management Program, he worked in GE in assignments ranging from strategic planning to global marketing. He also worked for Young & Rubicam through the 1990's as an executive VP and was a member of Y & R's Partnership Board.

He has served as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Darien RTM and President of the Noroton Bay Association. Currently he is a trustee of DePauw University, President of the Community Fund of Darien, a member of the Executive Committee of the

Norwalk Maritime Aquarium and serves on the Board of Family Centers, INC.

Bob and his wife Barbara have been married for 40 years and have two grown children

Respectfully Submitted
Chick Scribner, Membership Chairman

SMA CARES

When advising about a member being ill or having some type of problem, it would be helpful if you could let us know more information than "one of the members is having an operation" or that "so an so passed away". If you can determine where the member is and if he would like visits or phone calls, it would be helpful. Sometimes there is a memorial service or funeral service that is held before the local papers are delivered. It would be helpful if you can report full information such as time, date and location of the service. Thanks for your help.

Don Brown for SMA Cares

Happy 2007-2008 Year

Bill Gray, Producer
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