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NEWSLETTER



Culinary Institute and Brotherhood Fans

Photos by John

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to all of us who have been working to get our club off to a good start this year. Attendance is very good, and membership is at a high level. Our speakers program's have been well received. Now that the best weather is past, I suggest you take another look at our weekly activities such as bridge, bowling, paddle tennis and the rest. We always have room for more participants, and you won't need warm, sunny

days to enjoy them. Details of our 10 activities, leaders, timetables, etc, are on the bulletin board.

We need everyone to pay their dues so we can publish our directory for 2010. You do not want to be left out! We still have close to 100 members who have not responded, so reminders are being sent. When you send us your membership, please consider that the DCA is our home. DCA

membership is optional, but they need our help. Our dues reply form allows you to combine DCA membership and SMA dues.

Please note that **when the Darien Schools are closed for bad weather, our SMA meeting will be cancelled.** When there is a **Delayed Opening for Darien Schools SMA will have our regularly scheduled meeting.** Cablevision Channel 12 shows alphabetical school announcements at the screen bottom, and WSTC at 1400 AM radio also carries school announcements. As a last resort you may call an SMA Executive Board member by the phone bank listed below :

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Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will not meet on Wednesday November 25th. Lastly, our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be at Country Club of Darien on December 10th. Details are in the insert to this issue for a great event you will want to attend.

Sincerely, Marc Thorne, President

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

China---A Vivid Discussion

Henry Tang, long engaged in U. S. —China relations, has just returned from there, and he will tell us “who are they and what do they want to be”. He will review current Chinese developments and give us

his insights into the country’s foundation.

***Suggested by Peter Hallock
Arranged by Kirk Jewett***

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

An Up-to-Date Report from our Army on Iraq and Afghanistan

We are greatly honored to welcome Captain David Ready, U.S. Army to SMA on this Armistice day. Captain Ready has completed one year in Iraq and is on a tour in Afghanistan. He will be on leave before returning to Afghanistan in a month. He is in Army intelligence and will give us a first-hand report on the status of Iraq’s redevelopment and conditions in Afghanistan. Captain Ready is the son of SMA member Bob Ready.

***Suggested by Sandy McDonald
Arranged by Bob Ready***

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Sports from The New York Times

Tyler Kepner, long-time sports columnist, and on the “Yankee Beat” for the Times, will entertain us with his latest perspective. You may remember that he wrote the article about our own member, Bill Anderson. and his father who was a player and coach for the Chicago Bears.

Suggested and Arranged by John Schlachtenhaufen

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Radar and War

Lee Davenport will expand on his World War II history lesson given at SMA over 2 1/2 years ago: The Development of Radar at MIT. Radar helped to destroy German and Japanese aircraft including "buzz" bombs over London. Do you remember the battle of Saint Lo in Normandy ?

Suggested and Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday December 9, 2009

Protecting Yourself from Financial Scams

Vern Hayden, a pioneer with over 40 years experience in the planning world, will give us his insights on scams as well as his update on working and winning in investing . TV channels call on him frequently as a leader in the field.

Suggested and Arranged by Pieter Vewbeck

Wednesday December 16, 2009

A Christmas Music Fest

We are indeed fortunate in SMA to be able to welcome again our own **Joe Holmes** and his buddy **Nick Niles** with their four hands and one or two pianos, their call, for an early Christmas treat.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In order to get our 2010 Directory ready for publishing all dues should be paid by November 1st. We still need to collect from close to 100 members. Post cards will be sent to delinquent members and then emails or phone calls. Please save the Membership Committee much work by sending your check for \$ 50 payable to DCA/SMA **ASAP**.

Since last spring's final meeting six members have died and three have resigned. Since September we have admitted five new members with six more coming in soon.

We welcome the following new members

Darley T. Randall was born in New York City and grew up in Cold Spring Harbor , L.I. He was educated at Milton Academy, Yale University and NYU Graduate School of Business Administration. He earned a BA in American Studies at Yale and an MBA at NYU.

Darley was Chief Investment Officer for the investment management firm, Fiduciary Trust International from 1965 to 1980. From 1980 to 1995 he was Chairman-Distributor of International Financial data for Randall Helms and from 1995 to 2008 served as Chairman-International Hedge Fund for Strategic Fund Management.

He served for six years in the US Army in counter-intelligence activity.

Darley and his wife Pinny live in Norwalk and have five children. His hobbies are travel and fishing and he belongs to Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA.

Cornelius T. Finnegan III, who was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, graduated from the College of The Holy Cross with a BA in 1966. After Holy Cross he was employed as a junior high school English Teacher in the Lowell public schools. In 1969 he furthered his education at the University of Pennsylvania Law School graduating with a J.D. in 1972. He joined the firm Wilkie, Farr & Gallagher in New York City practicing corporate finance, mergers and debt restructuring and insolvency. From 1999 to 2000 he was Senior Vice President and General Counsel to W. R. Berkley, a publicly-held insurance holding company in Greenwich.

Cornelius served the military in the National Guard and US Army Reserves from 1967 to 1973. He and his wife Maureen, a hometown girl, have three sons and one grandson. They resided in New York City from 1975 to 1983 and since 1983 in Darien. He retired in 2009.

Thomas M. Williams served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps in Germany from 1951 to 1954 before graduating from Allegany High School in 1958. After high school he attended RCA Institutes while working for CBS Television and in 1960 graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with degrees in Engineering and Electronics.

Thomas was employed at General Dynamics from 1956 to 1964 in Rochester, N.Y., where he worked on the Titan Missile. In 1968, he became Vice President of United Engineers in their Connecticut Division in Stamford, CT.

From 1986 to 1996 Thomas worked part time in his wife Maureen's business and as a telecommunications consultant.

Respectfully, Chick Scribner, Chair

SMA SOCIAL EVENTS

The Annual SMA **Summer Picnic** on **August 27th** was a rousing success with over seventy members and guests attending. The weather was wonderful, the food fantastic, and a good time was had by all.

Our thanks to event leader **Coke Costello** and his volunteer crew.

On **October 22ND** we journeyed to the **Culinary Institute of America**. Bright foliage and sunshine accompanied us all the way. Lunch was satisfying to both the eye and the stomach. Afterwards we visited the **Brotherhood Winery**. We were told of its very interesting history beginning in the 1830's and we then had a tasting of eight of their wines. The writer purchased two bottles of their Holiday Spiced Wine as a result.

Elsewhere in this issue are photos by John, as in **John Podkowsky** showing happy members and guests. Special thanks are due to event leader **Mel Klugman**.

As detailed in a wonderful insert, our **Christmas Luncheon** will be on **December 10** at the Country Club of Darien and is being coordinated by **Peter Hallock & Wally Pugh**.

Save the Dates (to be determined)

For the **New Year of 2010** we have advance notice that **Belmont Park** and **Intrepid Museum** in NYC are in planning already. Stay Tuned !!!

Sincerely, Frank Johnson, Chair

A MEMORABLE PRESENTATION AND SPEAKERS

On Wednesday October 7, 2009 SMA was privileged to be introduced to the newly formed **Darien Police K-9 Unit**, the first of its kind in the Department's 84 year old history . **K-9 Unit** is a full-time addition to the department's patrol force. Speakers included "**Zulu**", a two year old German Shepherd from Czechoslovakia, his handler, officer **Nicholas Aranzullo** and Unit supervisor, Sgt **Jeremiah P. Marron, Jr.** **Zulu** brings special talents to the Darien Police force in drug identification and personnel tracking.



Photo by Michael Poler

*Suggested by Bob Harrel
Arranged by Wally Pugh*

FAREWELL TO A SPECIAL AND WELL LOVED MEMBER

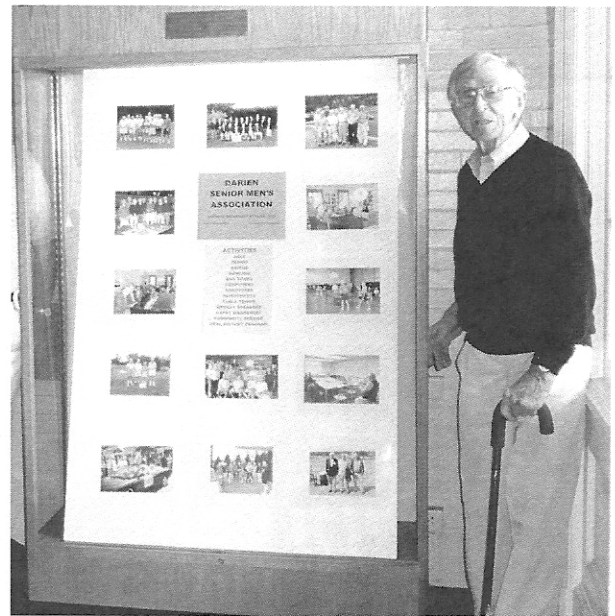


Photo by George Walsh

Bill Swett with a display in Darien Town Hall of some of his many fine photos showing some of SMA's many activities.

Whether in his front left seat at weekly meetings, or in animated conversation, Bill was always a delight to be with. He served his family, friends and Darien with care and wisdom.

He will be missed.

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