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NEWSLETTER



**SMA Treasurer Bob Ready and son,
Captain David Ready, US Army**

Photo by Michael Poler

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We welcome the New Year and begin the second half of our program year. We have celebrated our 32nd year with our Christmas Party at the Country Club of Darien.

Our new directory is here, and again we thank Kent Haydock, Frank Kemp, Chick Scribner and our photographers Michael Poler and George Walsh for their dedication and focus.

As we enter the second half of our new year we continue as a strong organization. Our membership is healthy at 286 and our treasury is right where we like it. Attendance at our meetings has been excellent. Our success is due to all the hard-working volunteers on the Programs and Social Events committees and those who lead each of our weekly activities.

Speaking for myself, I need some winter activity, and platform tennis gets me outside. I encourage each of you to participate in something new in 2010, whether it is bowling or bridge or

something else. Ideas for new activities are always welcome—you can just start something. We don't have any book discussion groups, and I know some of us have interests in common.

Our other committees are just as important in making sure our club runs smoothly. Please take a look in our directory to see where you can help out. SMA runs on a continually refreshed team of volunteers.

So thanks for all your participation in 2009 and may we all have a Happy 2010!!

Sincerely, Marc Thorne

PROGRAMS

Wednesday January 6, 2010

Connecticut Legislative Update

Terrie Wood, our State Representative in Hartford, will update us on accomplishments and challenges that have a direct effect on our community and quality of life. She will discuss many aspects of her legislative agenda.

Suggested and Arranged by Kirk Jewett

Wednesday January 13, 2010

It Was News to Me

Historian Ken Reiss shares some of the obscure and little-known facts about Darien people and events that came to light as he was gathering material for his new book *The Story of Darien*. Reiss will have copies for purchase, and the book also is available at Barrett Bookstore.

Suggested and Arranged by Wally Pugh

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Governor's Island in New York Harbor

How many of us have ever visited this lovely Island at the tip of the Battery? Inhabited by early native Americans, then Belgian and Dutch settlers, it later became home to the English Governor of New York County followed by the US First Army, and finally for 30 years home for the US Coast Guard, It is now unoccupied. Speaker Pete Hoyle will bring his special brand of history to his lecture for us.

Suggested and Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Darien's new First Selectman

We are honored to have Dave Campbell speak to us on his new job as the town's Governmental Leader. Dave will review his new team's goals and priorities for our town. If time permits, Dave also will discuss his job as CEO of Ring's End, Inc. Please join in welcoming Dave t SMA's podium for the first time.

Suggested and Arranged by Sandy McDonald

Wednesday February 3, 2010

Building New Stadiums

Peter Davoren, CEO of the Turner Corporation, will talk about recently built stadiums, particularly for that for the New York Yankees. He will cover the pre construction services, scheduling, logistics and technology that is required for large construction projects.

Suggested and Arranged by Ed Clarke

Wednesday February 10, 2010

Your Taxes

Brian Sutton, a local CPA, will be back to give us a thorough rundown of current aspects of state and federal taxes as they particularly affect seniors preparing for the April 15 filing deadline and beyond. Brian should be able to handle a range of questions which SMAers may have.

Suggested and arranged by Kirk Jewett

Wednesday February 17, 2010

A Man of All Arts: The Work of Louis Comfort Tiffany

Alice (Nonnie) Cooney Frelinghuysen, Curator of American Decorative Arts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will present a comprehensive look at the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany, one of America's preeminent masters of the Decorative Arts. His artistic vision informed all aspects of his life, in which he demonstrated a multitude of talents as architect, painter, and designer of interiors, furniture, landscapes and all aspects of arts. He is perhaps best known for his prodigious achievements in glass.

Suggested and Arranged by Kirk Jewett

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Darien Land Trust & the Importance of Birds

Darien Land Trust Executive Director, Shirley Nichols and Stewardship co-chairs Chris Filmer and Denis Frelinghuysen will share news of their activities with us using a beautiful film, "The State of Wild Birds". They will also use a slide presentation of Darien wild habitat scenes showing how to strive to be "A Positive Force for Nature". The focus will be on conserving bird habitat, the bellwether for a healthy environment.

Suggested and Arranged by Kirk Jewett

SMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

After sending many e-mails and post cards and making numerous phone calls, we finally finished updating the membership roster for our 2010 SMA Directory. This seems to be a problem every year despite the fact that dues should be paid by November 1st. Members are reminded that the Directories are **not mailed out**, but are available to all at the membership table at every meeting.

We welcome the following new members:

Phillips G. Terhune, Jr. was born in Boston, Mass, grew up in Fairfield CT and graduated from Middlebury College in 1956 with a degree in English. He served two years active duty in the US Army's Guided Missile Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas, and five years in the Reserve. In 1958 he joined Procter & Gamble's marketing group in Cincinnati. In 1962 he went into the advertising agency business in NYC and moved to Darien.

He has had a busy life of community service, serving on the Boards of the US Olympic Ski Team, National Ski Patrol, Middlebury Alumni Association, Middlesex Club and Darien Junior Football. He served six terms on RTM and has been active in the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels. He is currently a member of the Connecticut Marshals Organization.

Flip and Carol, his wife of 52 years, have a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren. They recently moved to Norwalk and are members of Noroton Presbyterian Church.

Michael K. Haley was born in Brooklyn NY. He graduated from Manhattan College with a BS in Government. He then taught learning-disabled children in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. In 1973 he joined IBM as a System Engineer, consulting with customers in the use of mainframe computers and software. In 1980 he became Director of Technology Planning for Paramount Pictures and, in 1984 became Director of Information Systems or Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. His last corporate position was with

Roper Report Division GfK, the international market research firm. He is now with William Pitt Sotheby's Realty in Darien.

Michael and his wife Karen moved from NYC to Darien in 1958. They have a daughter who is a teacher in California, a 2nd daughter, a doctor, also in California and a son who is an executive with a NY Mets farm team.

Thomas R. Glover was born in Great Neck, Long Island, and has lived in Rowayton since 1964. He is still traveling the world doing what he loves best, drawing caricatures, a talent he has employed professionally.

He first produced commercials and displays for large advertising firms and, in 1980, was hired by Sports Illustrated to portray their guests at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, thus starting a new career. IBM, AT&T, GE, Honda etc. sent him to conferences to portray their people in caricature prints around the world. His emphasis turned to sports for RJR-Nabisco to cover the PGA Tour, Nascar and various other events winding up capturing 100 of the best Jr. Golfers in the US. He is presently sketching "4-some caricatures" for local and Florida Golf events.

Tom graduated from St. Lawrence University with a BA in English and he served in the US Army in Germany from 1952 to 1954. Tom and his wife Diane have two children and 4 grandchildren.

David M. Sinclair was born in Philadelphia and went to German Friends School until 1941 when his family moved to Riverside CT where he then was schooled, followed by St. Luke's School in New Canaan. He graduated from Amherst in 1950 with a BA in History and then NYU with an MBA in Marketing in 1956.

Dave served his country in the US Marine Corps earning the rank of Sergeant. He served with 6th Fleet in Norfolk and with 3rd Marine Division in Camp Pendleton CA.

Dave is employed by Theodore D. Helprin, Inc. and is a Certified Member of the National Association of Marine Surveyors and International Cargo Security Council.

David married Darien resident Susan Widman in 1956 and they had 3 children who went through the Darien School system. Together David and Susan have been very active in Darien Community activities since the '50's. Susan had been a teacher before their children arrived and afterward often volunteered at school libraries. Dave's community activities have included Five Mile River Commission, Darien Land Trust, RTM, Darien Historical Society and Darien Nature Center.

Both Sue and Dave have had distinguished sailing careers since childhood days, starting at Riverside Yacht Club for him and Noroton YC for Susan. Both have served in many club leadership capacities. Dave's accomplishments in ocean racing alone (like 11 Bermuda races) and with smaller craft would fill a volume, and Sue has to her credit the Adams Cup, the US Women's National Sailing Championship in 1962.

Chick Scribner, Membership Chair

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Annual Christmas Lunch at the Country Club of Darien was attended by 137 members and friends, including 17 widows as guests of SMA. The food was fabulous, the dancing delightful, and the conversation convivial. Our thanks to event leaders **Peter Hallock, Wally Pugh** and **Bill Winship** for organizing this fun event.

On Thursday **January 14** we bus to the **New York Philharmonic** for Schubert's Unfinished Symphony followed by lunch at **St. Andrews' Restaurant**. See details in the insert flyer. Last chance to sign up is our Jan 6th meeting or contact event leader **Mel Orr at 203 655 1605**.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Two **Waterbury Museums** covering the region's 19th and 20th century history in arts and manufacturing going back to the 1850s, followed by **Lunch**.

Thursday April 22. 2010

Trip to NYC to tour recent exhibits aboard **USS Intrepid**

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Trip to **Belmont Park** for lunch and waging on the ponies

Frank Johnson, Social Events Chair

TWO NOTABLE EVENTS

While many notable events occur at SMA regularly, such as inspiring speakers, wonderful social events, magic NYC "Happy Wanderings" and weekly reports of athletic prowess, two happenings particularly caught the attention of us at the newsletter.

First was the elegant and fascinating talk by our Veterans Day speaker, **Captain David Ready**, about his service in Iraq and Afghanistan whose picture with his father graces our cover. His photos, facts and insights gave us a first hand view of what our brave troops experience.

Second, was the start up of the **Riders and Drivers Program** created by **Don Brown and Jim Armour**, who have a growing list of **Riders** but need more **Drivers**. Please call one of them at 655-9461 for Jim or 656-9619 for Don and become a **Driver**.

HAPPY RIDER ONE

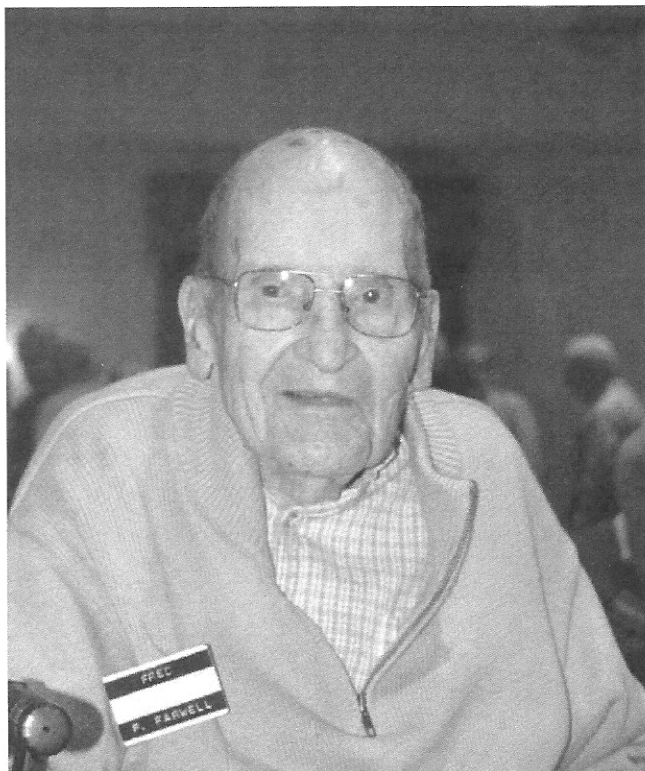


Photo by Michael Poler

Fred Farwell, SMA's most senior member, celebrates his 99th Birthday at a recent SMA meeting, Courtesy of a helpful **Driver**.

**Happy 2010 Spring from
Your newsletter staff**

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