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# NEWSLETTER



**Happy Wanderers at Their  
Williamsburg Bridge walk to Queens**

**Photo by Warren Mathews**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

All is going well, thanks to the good work of our diligent committees. The programs have been top-notch, the new refreshments plan is working well. new members are coming in, the budget is on target, photos are being taken regularly, the wanderers are wandering happily, special events are well received, and the outside activities—bridge, bowling, tennis, golf, table tennis and the rest are providing fun, exercise and fellowship for our members. Of course they always welcome more to these activities so please

don't hesitate to join those that might interest you. Just check the bulletin board for details.

As always, we need every one to pay their dues. We still have close to 50 members who have not responded so reminders are being sent. Again, please consider joining the DCA as they very much appreciate and need our help.

Please note that when the Darien Schools are closed due to bad weather, our SMA meeting will be cancelled. When there is a delayed opening for the Darien Schools, SMA will have our regularly scheduled meeting. Cablevision Channel 12 shows alphabetical school

announcements at the screen bottom and WSTC radio station at 1400 AM also carries school closings. If Darien Schools are closed due to their vacations and there is a weather problem, please call one of the SMA members below. Also use these names as a last resort in any case.

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Because of Thanksgiving, we will not meet on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Similarly, because of Christmas, we will not meet on Wednesdays December 22 & 29.

Lastly, I urge you to attend our annual Christmas luncheon at the Country Club of Darien on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be another fun event.

**Regards, Kirk Jewett, President**

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**PROGRAMS**

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

(Postponed from October 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Telescopes in Space**

**Dr. Heidi Hammel** is a world- renowned planetary astronomer. Her main interests are ground and space-based observations of the outer planets. Why study astronomy ? ..... Because it can answer the fundamental fate of the universe. Heidi will share with us her research insights and some of the most amazing inter-planetary photos you have ever seen.

*Suggested amd Arranged by John Podkowsky*

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

**Veterans' Day: The Battle of Midway**

**George Walsh**, a long time member of the SMA and an historian, will discuss the important Battle for Midway Island, which turned the tide of WWII in the Pacific, and the role of Dive Bombers at Midway and other engagements. George has conducted a great amount of research on this battle and is considered one of the leading experts on the role of the Dive Bomber during World War II. Although he was not at Midway, George flew missions against Japanese targets on Formosa, China, Indo-China, Iwo Jima and Japan.

*Suggested and arranged by Wally Pugh*

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Wednesday, November, 17, 2010

**“Win One for the Gipper”**

In November 1916, Knute Rockne, an assistant football coach at Notre Dame, eyed a young man in street clothes drop-kicking field goals from 50 yards out. He told the man to show up the next day for football practice. George Gipp did as he was told, and a legend was born. Gipp eventually became Notre Dame’s first football star, and his death a few years later was a national tragedy. **Jack Cavanaugh**, author of *Giants among men* and *Tunney*, returns to the SMA Podium to offer a textured portrait of the “Gipper” and his influence on Notre Dame’s ascendance as a football power.

*Suggested and arranged by John Podkowsky*

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Wednesday, December 1, 2010

**Long Island Sound at the Crossroad**

In spite of many “Sound-wise” policies, Long Island Sound continues to struggle against further coastal development, the excessive input of storm water, and the dumping of sewage. Rising sea levels, fluctuating dead -zones, and declining cold water fisheries are evidence that the sound



and its surrounding habitats are at risk. **Leah Schmalz**, Director of Save the Sound, will discuss the innovative solutions at the local, State and Federal Level that will be required.

*Suggested by John Podkowsky and Arranged by Dick Cutler*

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Wednesday December 8, 2010

**Pan Am, the Early Days**

**Pete Runnette**, former Senior Vice President of Marketing at Pan American World Airways, will describe the history of "Pan Am," the principal US international air carrier from the late 1920's until its collapse at the end of 1991. Identified by its blue globe logo and the use of the word "Clipper" in aircraft names and call signs, the airline was a cultural icon for the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the unofficial flag carrier of the United States.

*Suggested and Arranged by Wally Pugh*

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Wednesday, December, 15 ..2010

**Holiday Entertainment**

**The Acabellas** is a women's singing group that differentiates itself from other such groups by not using any piano or other musical support. They will present an enjoyable musical program interspersed with Holiday Music. SMA past President Bob Mitchell's daughter, Mia Mitchell Cortelese, is a leading member of the group.

*Suggested by John Podkowsky and Arranged by Wally Pugh*

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Since our first September meetings and up to October , we have admitted 10 new members and one member was re-instated. Our total as of Oct.13 was 281 with more expected soon. Due to excellent programs, our average attendance at meetings is 116. But with over 40 members yet to pay their dues, which are late after November 1, we have been contacting those still owing.

We welcome our latest new members:

**Robert F. Jordan**, a Connecticut native who has lived in Darien since 1978, holds BA and MBA degrees from UCONN. He later completed the Senior Executive certificate Program at Columbia University. A US Army veteran, he helped manage development of the nation's first tactical weapon.

Bob's career focused on marketing of branded products and services at Procter Gamble and Pepsi. He later headed his own firm serving clients like Quaker Oats, Heinz and GE. He has lectured at Harvard Business school, testified before Congress and worked on projects with Angelal Lansbury and Pete Rose, among others.

He is a member of AAIL, a national investors organization, and enjoys nearly full-time investing in equities for his own account.

**Andre L. Guilbert**, a Connecticut native, had a 30 year business career in sales and management at Colgate and Richardson-Vicks, eventually retiring from Proctor & Gamble. In his long-term assignment he oversaw broker sales agents in Hawaii and Alaska, as well as worldwide military exchanges and commissaries.

Andre and his wife Deanna are deeply involved as volunteers as well as students in the Lifetime Learners Institute at Norwalk Community College. They would be delighted to invite SMA members and spouses to be their guests at any one class each semester in order to introduce them to L.L.I and remind them of the joy of adult enrichment classes.

**Harrison W. "Mike" Conrad Jr.** received a BA degree from Princeton in 1956 and later graduated from Harvard Business School in 1962. He served in the US Navy as an aviator and also graduated from The Naval Justice School in 1958.

After 34 years at JP Morgan, Mike retired in 1995. His banking career included domestic and international areas of corporate finance, general banking, credit management and investments. After retiring, he worked as advisor to financial institutions in Europe and Bermuda. He was a Board Member of General Re Corp. and served as an independent trustee of Allianz VIP Funds.

Mike and his wife Barbara live in both Darien and Arizona where he is involved the Caballeros Museum of Western Art and is currently President of a home owner's association. They have three married children. Mike's interests include investments, travel, computers, history, tennis, and boating.

**John J. Flynn** graduated from Villanova University in civil engineering in 1967 and has been a licensed engineer in New York and Connecticut for 45 years. He has operated it a large engineering firm and is still active although now contemplating retirement.

John is interested in conservative politics, sailing and reading adventure novels. He is a Sudoku addict and likes Dixieland Jazz. Married for 50 years, he has four children and nine grandchildren. He vacations in Mexico every year and loves Mexican people.

**David D. Brown, III**, who was raised in Ridgewood, New Jersey, graduated from Harvard College in 1950 and Harvard Law school three years later. He practiced law in New York City for more than 40 years, specializing in corporate and banking law. Before retiring he was a partner in the firm of Chadbourne & Parke.

David and his wife Jill have lived in Darien since 1961 and have three children and eight grandchildren. He has served on Darien's RTM, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Education and Board of Finance. David is an avid

reader of mysteries and history and an avid supporter of Darien's Library and YMCA.

**Nelson N. Ehinger** graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in economics and later received an MBA from UCONN. Hired by ALCOA as a sales engineer right out of college, he spent more than 40 years with the aluminum company. Initially he helped develop new applications for aluminum products in the heavy equipment market. Prior to retirement in 1994, he served as Eastern Regional Sales Manager of ingot products.

In 1961, he married Jeanne Senkewicz, an artist and studio Art Director. They raised three boys and one daughter. Today, his family includes five grandchildren who live nearby in Connecticut. A former director of Volunteer Center of Southwestern Connecticut, Nelson's community activities have included scouting and serving on the RTM.

**Preston I. Carnes, Jr. "Peter"**, who grew up in Fairfield, graduated from Hotchkiss and in 1961 received a BS degree from Yale University. After earning an MBA from Stanford Graduate school of Business, Peter joined American Air Lines in economic research and planning. Later, he moved to Chemical Bank where he held various lending and asset management positions before leaving to enter the emerging field of asset securitization. Following a brief stint with Prudential Insurance, Peter spent the next 20 years with Cypress Tree Investment Management, a specialized asset manager where he was a pioneer in the creation and management of collateralized loan obligations. Retiring in 2009, he has been active with the Norwalk chapter of SCORE as a counselor to small businesses and a Treasurer of Tokeneke Club.

Peter and his wife Debbie have lived in Darien since 1968. They enjoy time with their three children and five (soon to be) grandsons, all of whom are within a short commute. Favorite activities include reading, skiing, golf & tennis.



**William A. Kirk**, a Connecticut native, graduated from Columbia University in 1962 with a BA in History . He spent four years in the US Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

After obtaining an MBA from Columbia in 1968, he went to work for Morgan Guaranty Trust in securities analysis and bond trading. Later he joined First Boston (now Credit Suisse) in sales and trading ,retiring in 1994. He served eleven years as Board President of Leake & Watts Services, a New York Child Welfare Agency serving children at risk.

Bill and his late wife Martha lived in Darien from 1976. They have two sons and four grand children. . Bill has enjoyed coaching in the Darien and Stamford Youth Hockey Leagues. As an SMA member, he is most interested in golfing and walking tours. His hobbies include genealogical research (his data base has over 9000 names) and stamp collecting.

**Respectfully,Chick Scribner, Membership Chair**

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### SOCIAL EVENTS

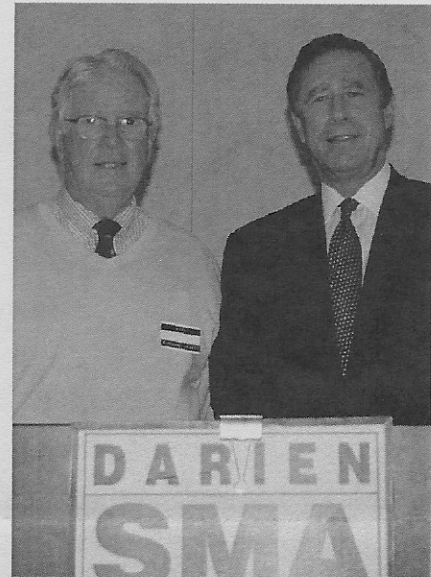
On **November 11** we will bus to Goodspeed Opera House to enjoy the musical **How to Succeed in Business without really Trying**, with lunch at nearby **Gelston House**. There are still a few seats available for either members or guests who would like to join us.

### SAVE THE DATES

Our **Annual Christmas luncheon** is set for **Thursday December 9** at The Country Club of Darien. Dancing music will performed by **Joe Holmes Swing Band**. More information will follow soon . **Wally ugh and Peter Hallock** are the event leaders.

Our first event of 2011 will be a trip to two small but interesting sites in Harlem. The first stop will be at the **Hispanic Society of America**. The collections of decorative arts are unparalleled in

their scope and quality outside of the Iberian Peninsula, especially paintings by Goya and El Greco. After lunch, the second stop will be the Morris-Jimel Mansion. This house was Washington's headquarters during the battle of Harlem Heights. It contains many Revolutionary War artifacts and is listed in the National Registry.



**SMA's Kirk Jewett greets Joe Petro, White House Secret Service Agent for a Fascinating tale "Guarding the President"**

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